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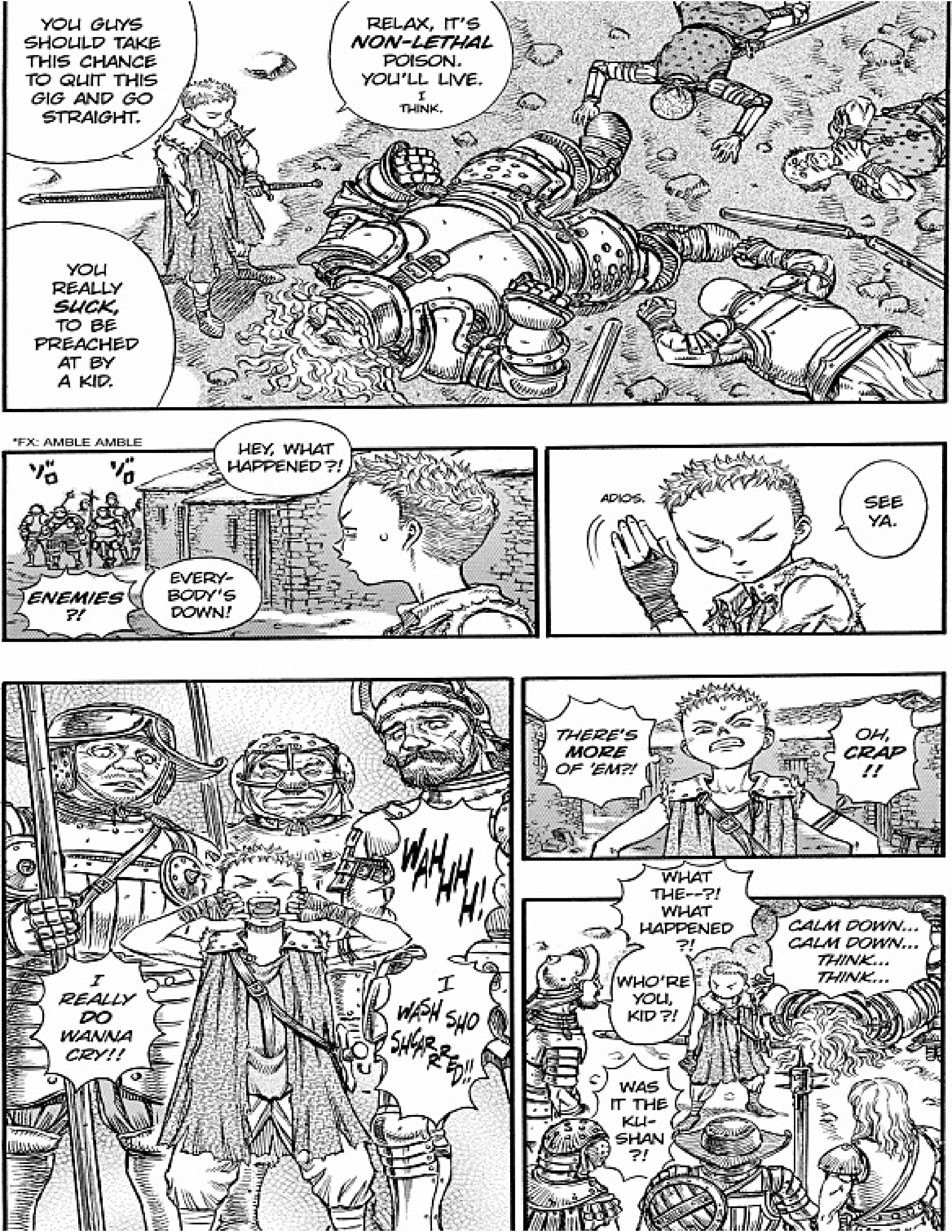

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YO, KID. HAND THAT OVER AND SCRAM.
HEH HEH
TAKE A HIKE!! THIS'S THE ONLY FOOD I'VE MANAGED TO GET IN FOUR DAYS!!
WHY DON'TCHA TRY FINDIN' YER OWN?! GROWN-UPS AIN'T SUPPOSED TO STEAL FROM KIDS!! YOU MAKE ME SICK!!



YOU AN' YER BIG HEAD ...
...LOOKIN' LIKE A RETARDED TODDLER!
I...
...SAY TO MYSELF, DEEP DOWN.
WHY DON'T I MAKE SURE YOU NEVER BECOME ONE OF THOSE SICKENING GROWN-UPS? RIGHT HERE AND NOW. HUH, PUNK?
*HMMM
THAT FROM A SNEAK THIEF?
... ...
F- FOOD!
...
NOT BAD... THERE'S EVEN LIQUOR.
SEEIN' THIS MUCH FOOD LEFT BEHIND, THE FOLKS FROM THIS VILLAGE MUST'VE REALLY BEEN IN A HURRY TO LEAVE.
ALL THANKS TO THE KUSHAN.
I CAN HEAR YOU, Y'KNOW.
YEAH, DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS. HERE.
I DON'T WANNA DIE BEFORE KNOWIN' A WOMAN.
*FX: THUD


THOSE'RE THE RATIONS I SCRAPED TOGETHER TRYIN' LIKE HELL TO EVADE THE KUSHAN. AT LEAST TAKE THE TIME TO SAVOR 'EM.
HEHEH... IS THAT SO?
IS IT GOOD?
YEAH, BUT YOU DON'T GET ANY.
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY, JUST GET...
UGH...!
*FX: GEHHH
*FX: SHUMP
KID, WHAT'D YOU... OOO!!
THIS STUFF REALLY WORKS... SURE WAS EXPENSIVE.
?!
H-HEY, WHAT GIVES?!
YUCK YUCK YUCK
*KASHANNG
MY SHARE'S RIGHT HERE.
I DON'T LIKE BEIN' MADE FUN OF, SEE? NOT BY OVERGROWN JERKS LIKE YOU GUYS.


*SHA
GWAH!
*BLAP
I'M GONNA CRACK YER HEAD OPEN!!
L-LITTLE PUNK...
*BCHONNNG
HAO!
BGO...!
THE NAME'S ISIDRO.
DON'T CALL ME "PUNK."


YOU GUYS SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO QUIT THIS GIG AND GO STRAIGHT.
RELAX, IT'S NON-LETHAL POISON. YOU'LL LIVE.
I THINK.
YOU REALLY SUCK, TO BE PREACHED AT BY A KID.
*FX: AMBLE AMBLE
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED?!
ENEMIES?!
EVERY-BODY'S DOWN!
ADIOS.
SEE YA.
I REALLY DO WANNA CRY!!
WAHHH!
I WASH SHO SHCARRED!!
THERE'S MORE OF 'EM?!
OH, CRAP!!
WHAT THE--?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
WHO'RE YOU, KID?!
WAS IT THE KUSHAN?!
CALM DOWN... CALM DOWN... THINK... THINK...


IT'S THE KUSHAN!!
THE KUSHAN ARMY CAME...!!
WHAT?!
*TWITCH
THIS IS BAD, MAN...
N-NO... HE DID IT...
*STOMP
WHAT DO WE DO?!
I-IF WE DON'T GET AWAY QUICK...
BUT WHERE ARE THEY...?
WE AIN'T GOT TIME TO STAND AROUND!!
MORONS.
*FX: SNEAK SNEAK
THIS'S PRETTY WEIRD. IF THE KUSHAN ARMY WAS HERE, HOW COME WE DIDN'T HEAR HOOVES?
AND LOOK. THE GUYS ON THE GROUND DON'T HAVE ANY SWORD WOUNDS.
AND YEAH, HEY...
......
HOLD UP, BOY.

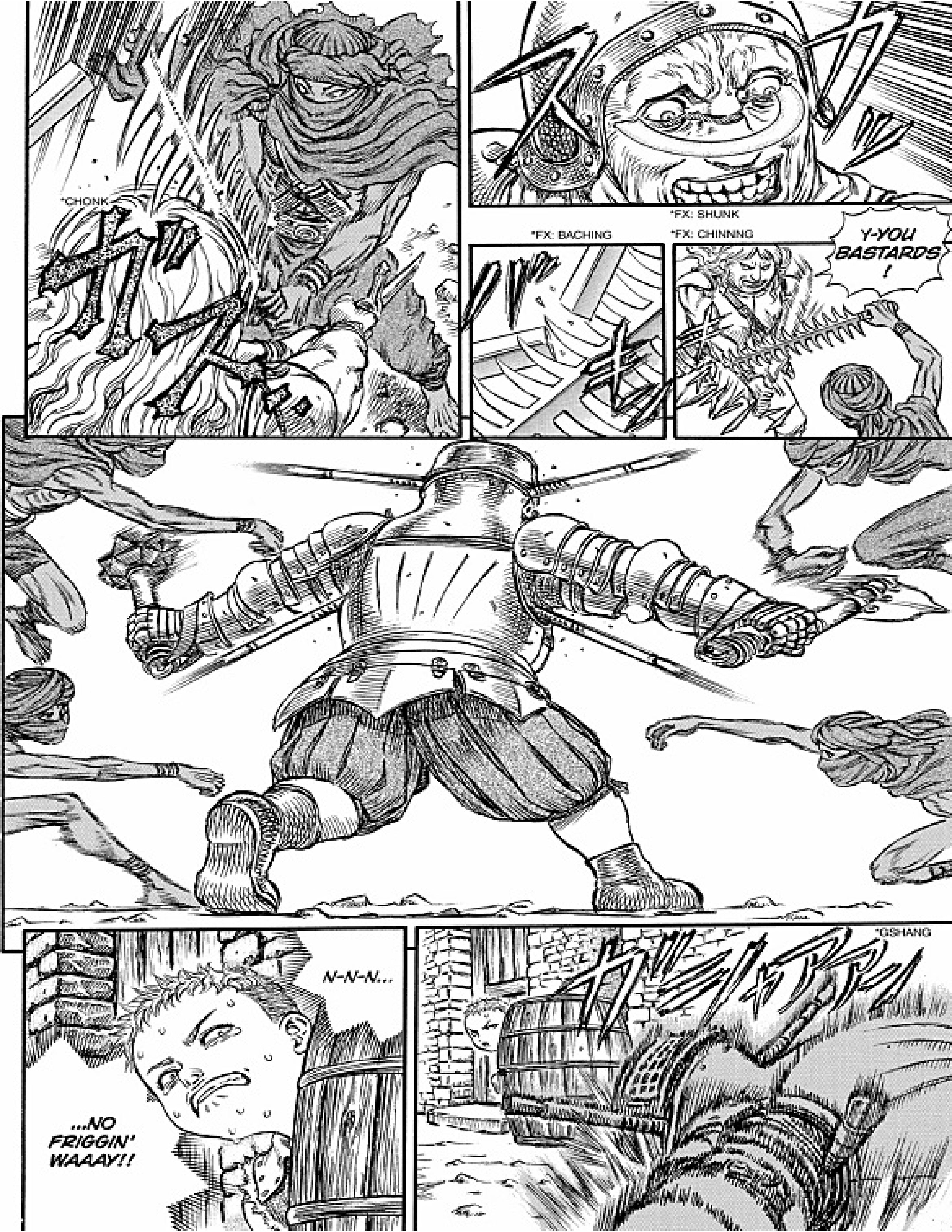

AH... WELL LOOK, I'M A CHILD.
WHO'RE YOU, BOY? IF THE KUSHAN CAME, WHY'RE YOU THE ONLY ONE ALL RIGHT?
......
SO, WHERE ARE THE KUSHAN?
THE KUSHAN DON'T SHOW MERCY, EVEN TO KIDS.
UMM...
CRAP, CRAP, I'M DEAD!
I LL HAVE TO DISTRACT 'EM AND TAKE OFF!
O--! OVER THERE...!!
*FX: SHUNK
UH?






WE'RE SURROUNDED !!
K-KUSHAN!! THEY'RE KUSHAN SCOUTS !!
WH- WHO'RE THEY?! WHEN DID THEY...?!
F-FOR REAL ?!
*CHAK CHAK
*SS
*SS
S- SON OF A BITCH!!
*LEAP
*LEAP
TH-THEY WANNA FIGHT!!
L-LET'S RUN!!
TOO LATE!!


*ZHA
*ZHA
*ZHA
*ZHA
*ZHA
*SHA
UWOH
...!!

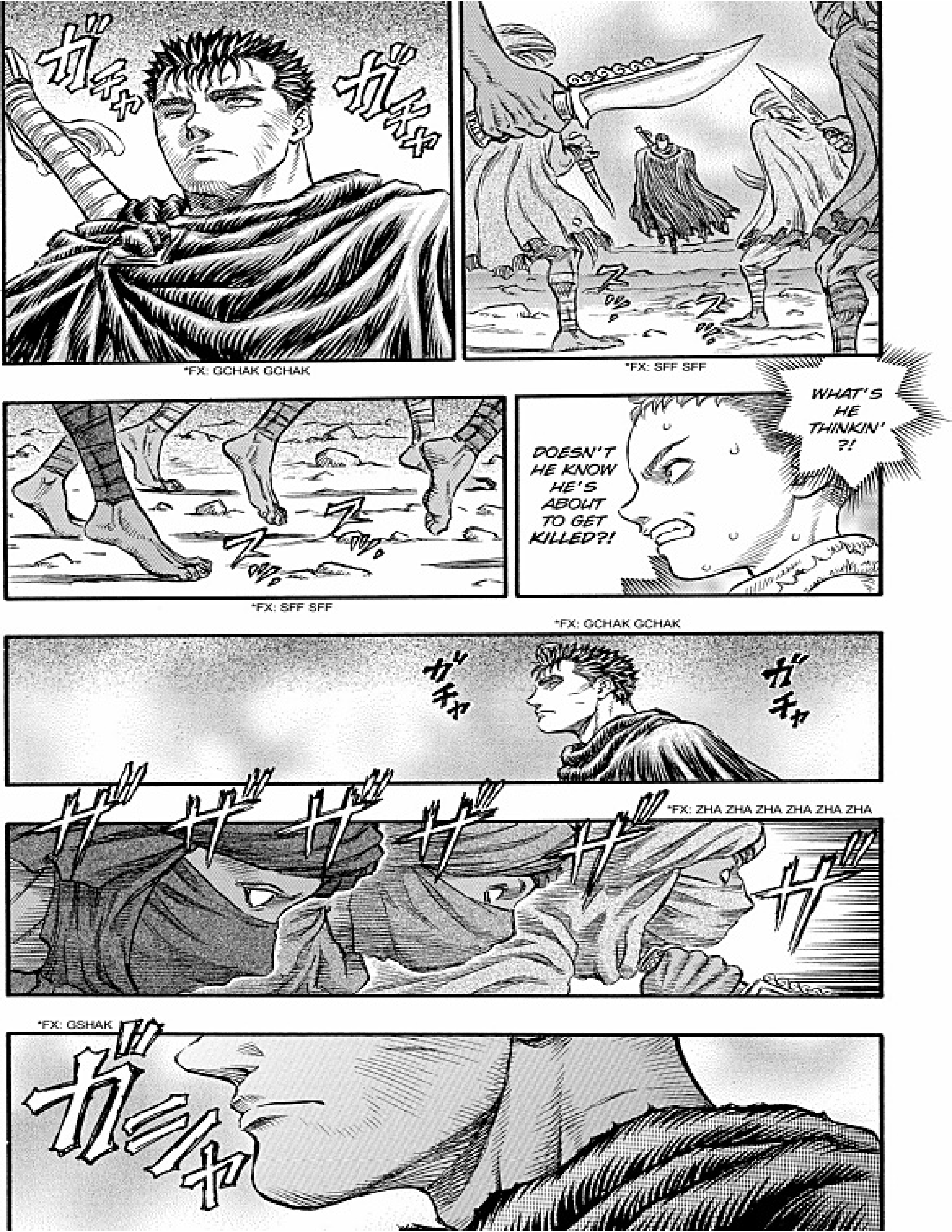

*CHONK
*FX: SHUNK
*FX: BACHING
*FX: CHINNNG
Y-YOU BASTARDS!
N-N-N...
...NO FRIGGIN' WAAAY!!
*GSHANG


ザッ..
*ZHA
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...!!
ALL DEAD...!!


*GCHAK
*GCHAK


ゴウウ‥
WOOOO


*FX: GCHAK GCHAK
*FX: GCHAK GCHAK
WH- WHO'S HE...?!
HE'S WALKIN' THIS WAY!!
......
*FX: WHISPER
*FX: CHAK
*FX: JAK


*FX: SFF SFF
*FX: GCHAK GCHAK
WHAT'S HE THINKIN'?!
DOESN'T HE KNOW HE'S ABOUT TO GET KILLED?!
*FX: SFF SFF
*FX: GCHAK GCHAK
*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA
*FX: GSHAK

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*SWRLLLL
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*FX: GSSH DOLCH DOLCH
WASN'T THAT A BIT...
...SUDDEN?


DIDN'T THINK I'D GET TO TRY IT OUT SO SOON.
*ZHA



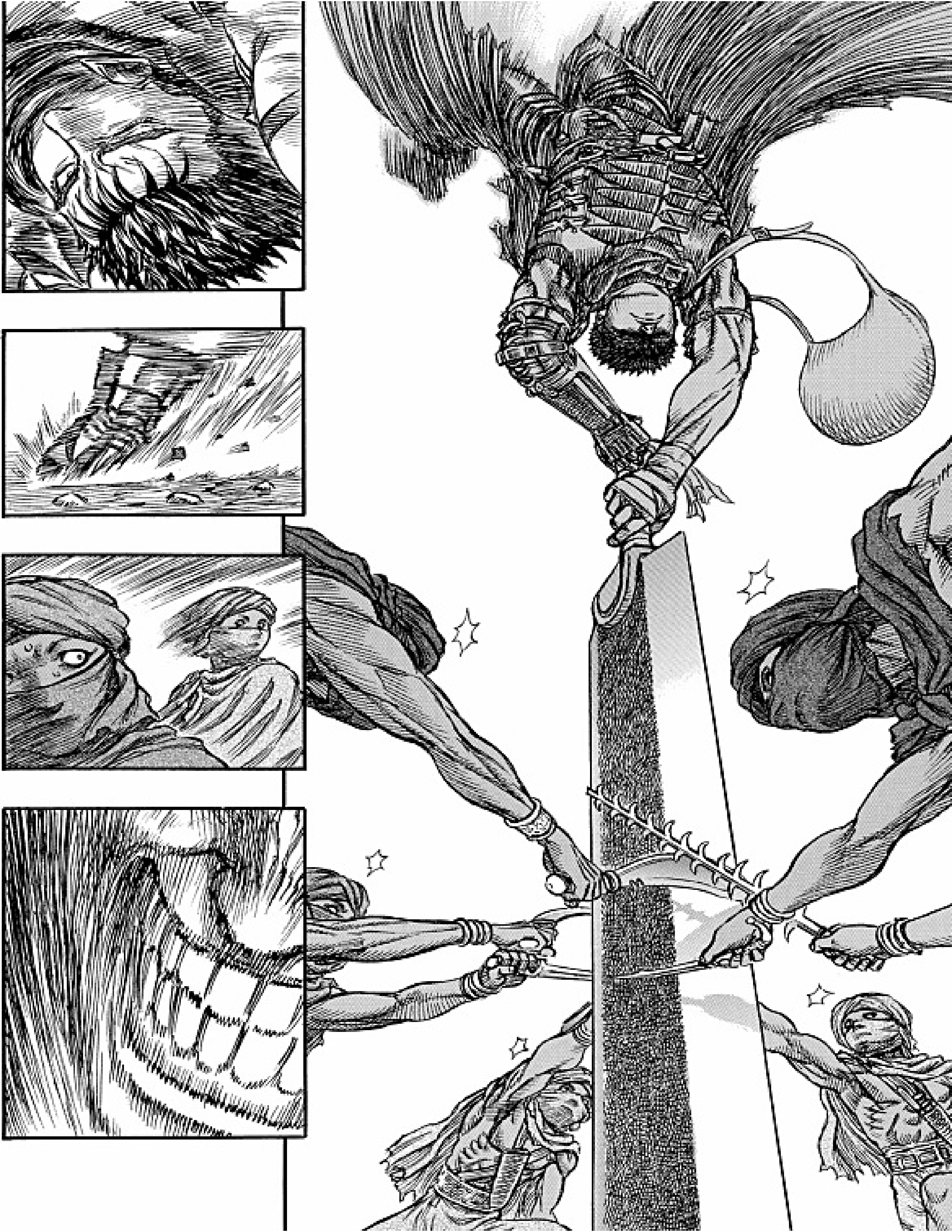
...HE LEFT THOSE KUSHAN MONSTERS IN PIECES!!
IN ONE SWING...
IS IT... A SWORD ?!
WH-WH-WH-WHAT'S THAT FRIGGIN' HUGE THING?!
*GCHAK
HEY, CLEAR THE ROAD. I'M IN A HURRY.
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
*GCHAK
... ... !
AND HE DON'T EVEN KNOW!
!
*TMP
*KRONK
NO NEED FOR TALK, HUH?
AN IRON FIST ...!!
HE'S A WALKING WEAPON ...
HEY, PUNK.


HERE! HEAD DOWN AND DON'T MOVE!
GEEZ, THIS IS THE PROBLEM WITH KIDS!
... ... !?!
*HYNN
*HYNN
*CHING
*CHOK
*SHROK
*LEAP



*JUMP
*SHA
*SHA
*SHA
*WHACK
*WHAM


*SHF SHF
*WHUMP
*SMP
*SMP
OH CRAP, HE'S SURROUNDED!!
*FX: TENSE
*FX: SNIFF SNIFF
*FX: SHA
*FX: STAB
*GACHINNNG

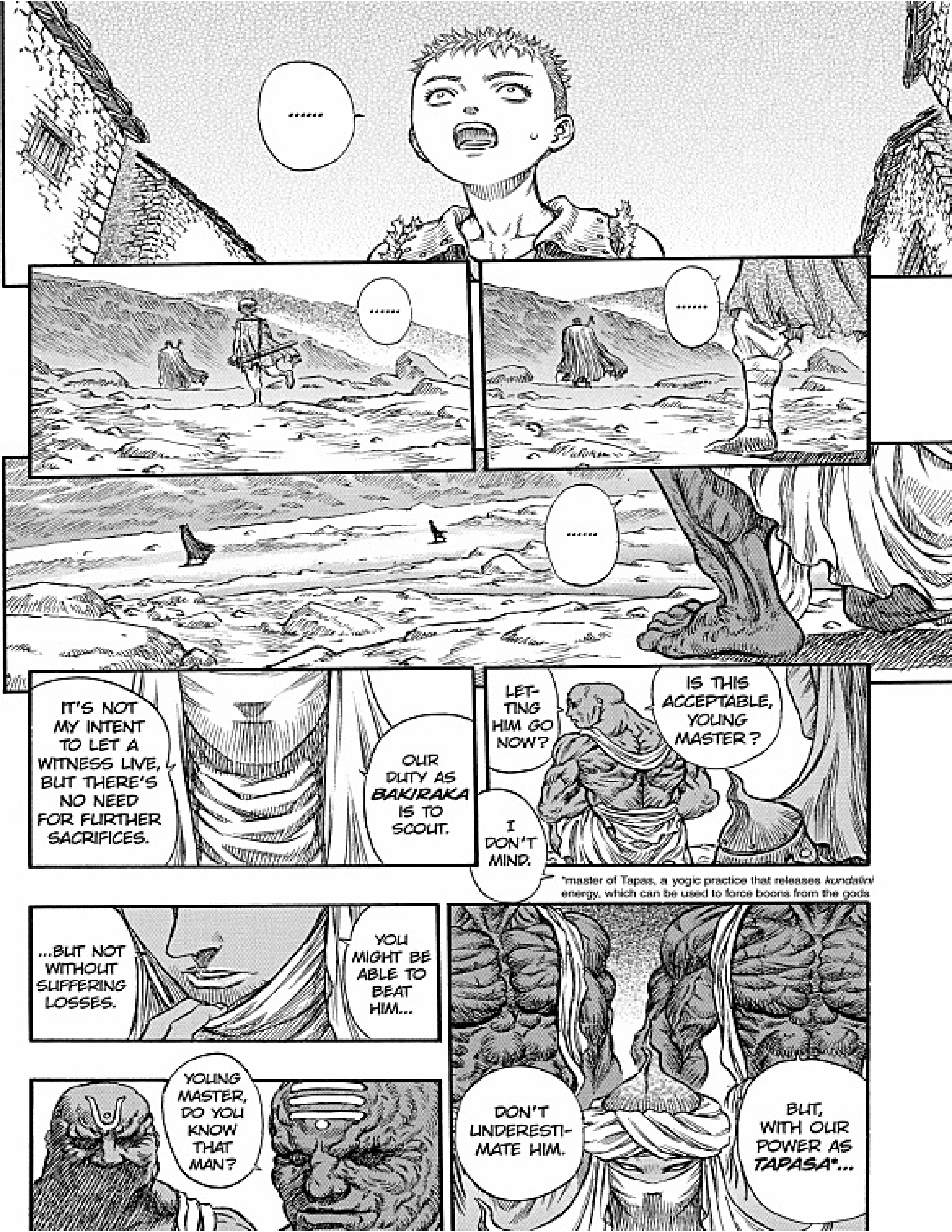



*CHNK CHNK



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ビシャ
ビシャ
グシャ
*DLCH BISH BISH GSSH
ヴン!!
*VNN
*ZSSH
ズシ…
NICE...
THE KIND OF WORK I'D *EXPECT* FROM GODO.
HEY, KID. YOU'VE GOT FOOD ON YA. LIQUOR, TOO.
A...
I CAN SMELL THAT YOU'RE HIDIN' 'EM.
A...
THEY'LL DO AS THANKS, SO DON'T SWEAT IT.

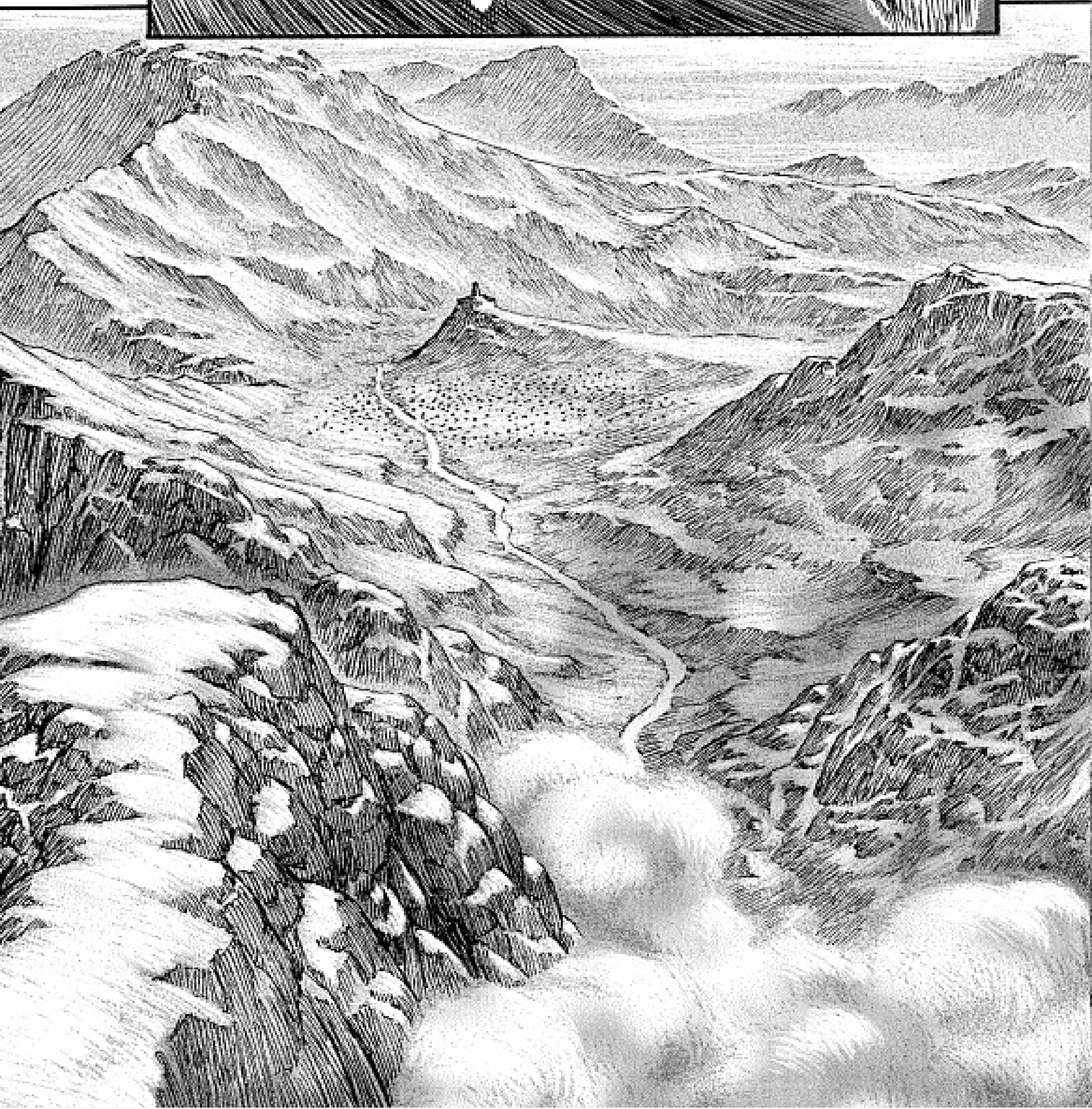

AWE-
SOMMMME!
LET'S GET GOING, PUCK.
WHO IS THAT?!
*STAGGER
*CLATA
J- JUST A SEC...
*FX: GCHAK GCHAK
THIS WORTHLESS CRAP ATE UP TIME.
*TCH
WHO WERE THOSE GUYS?
THEY LOOKED LIKE PEOPLE I'VE SEEN BEFORE...



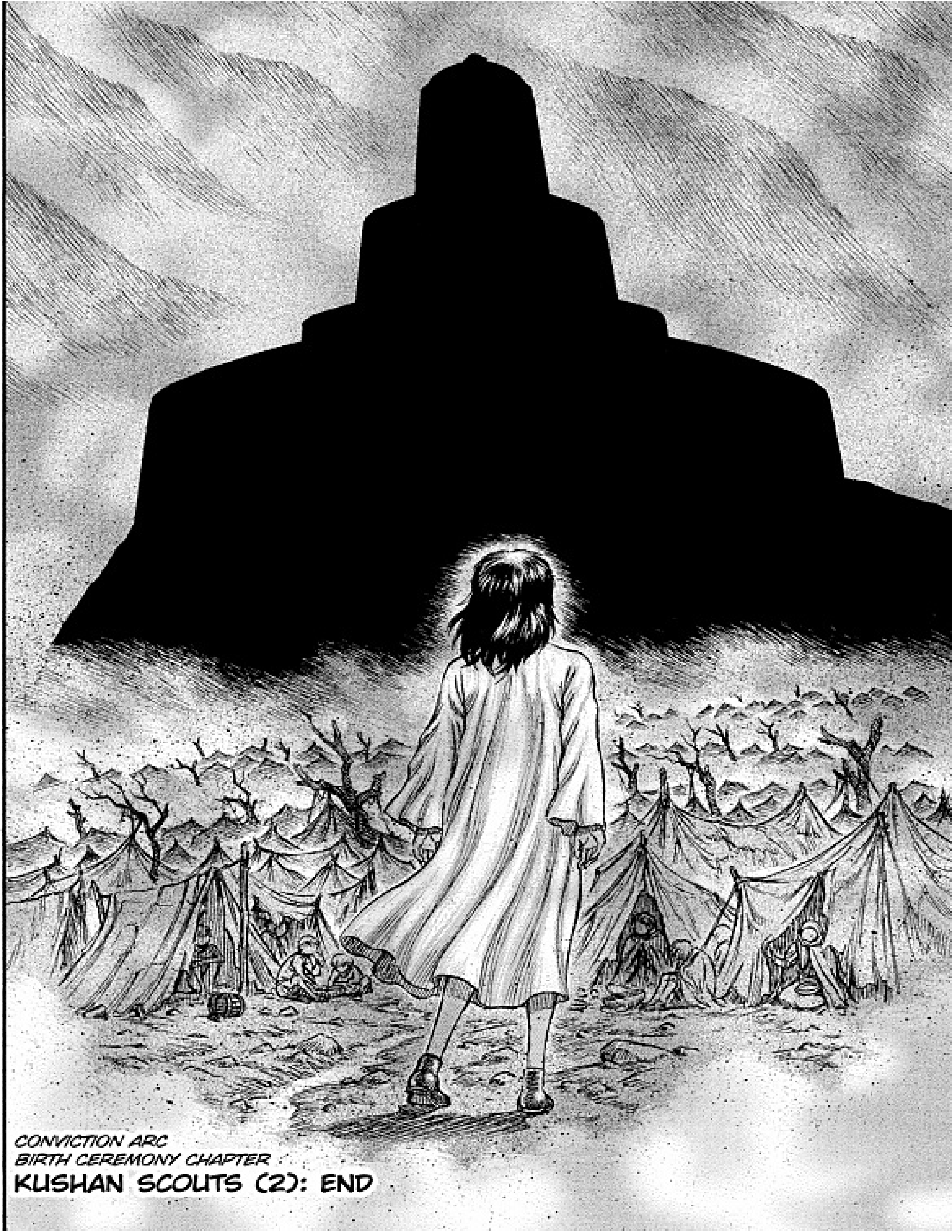
*master of Tapas, a yogic practice that releases *kundalini* energy, which can be used to force boons from the gods.


IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO...
A VERY LONG...
...TIME AGO...
REGARDLESS, THERE IS BUT ONE THING WE MUST DO NOW.
SEARCH FOR THE *LAND OF ORACLE.*


FASTER
!!




FASTER !!
HURRY !!


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*FX: FLAPA FLAPA
HERE-TICS...
THE WORK OF HERETICS.
AGAIN ...
ANOTHER PRIEST...
*FX: BYEWWWWW
HERETIC HUNTS WILL AGAIN SCOURGE--
SHH!






ガラ
*CLATA
ガラ ガラ
*CLATA CLATA


*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
*FX: SHUFFLE
!
ALMS...
PLEASE, ALMS...
F-FOOLS!! THESE ARE OFFERINGS TO THE MONASTERY!!
CHARITY IS RATIONED TO EACH OF YOU EVERY DAY!!


WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
PLEASE HAVE MERCYYY!
*RUMMAGE
S-STOP THAT!!
HAVE MERCYYY!
*RUMMAGE
THAT VEGETABLE SCRAP SOUP AIN'T ENOUGH!!
I BET YOU PEOPLE EAT YOUR FILL EVERY DAY!!
THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS!!
OH, NO!!
*FX: BDUMP BDUMP
!


SEIZE THEM ALL!! LET NONE ESCAPE!!
*FX: BDADUMP BDADUMP
*FX: WAHHHHH
THIS IS ALL OF THEM.



IS *THIS* WHAT BELIEVERS DO?!
WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE THINKING, LAYING HANDS ON OFFERINGS TO THE TEMPLE?!
YOU *AREN'T* THE ONLY ONES SUFFERING!!
WE'VE CALLED ON THE *HOLY SEE* FOR PROVISIONS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND OTHER COMMODITIES!!
MOST OF THE TREES AROUND HERE'VE BEEN CUT DOWN. WE HAVEN'T FIREWOOD FOR THE WINTER...
THERE ARE SICK...
WE'VE ONLY HAD WATERY SOUP FOR DAYS!
OUR BODIES JUST CAN'T TAKE THIS.
I BEG YOU!
THIS CHILD... HASN'T EVEN STRENGTH LEFT TO NURSE!
HE'S ON THE BRINK OF DEATH!
HE NEEDS GOD'S DIVINE PROTECTION!!
WHAT...?

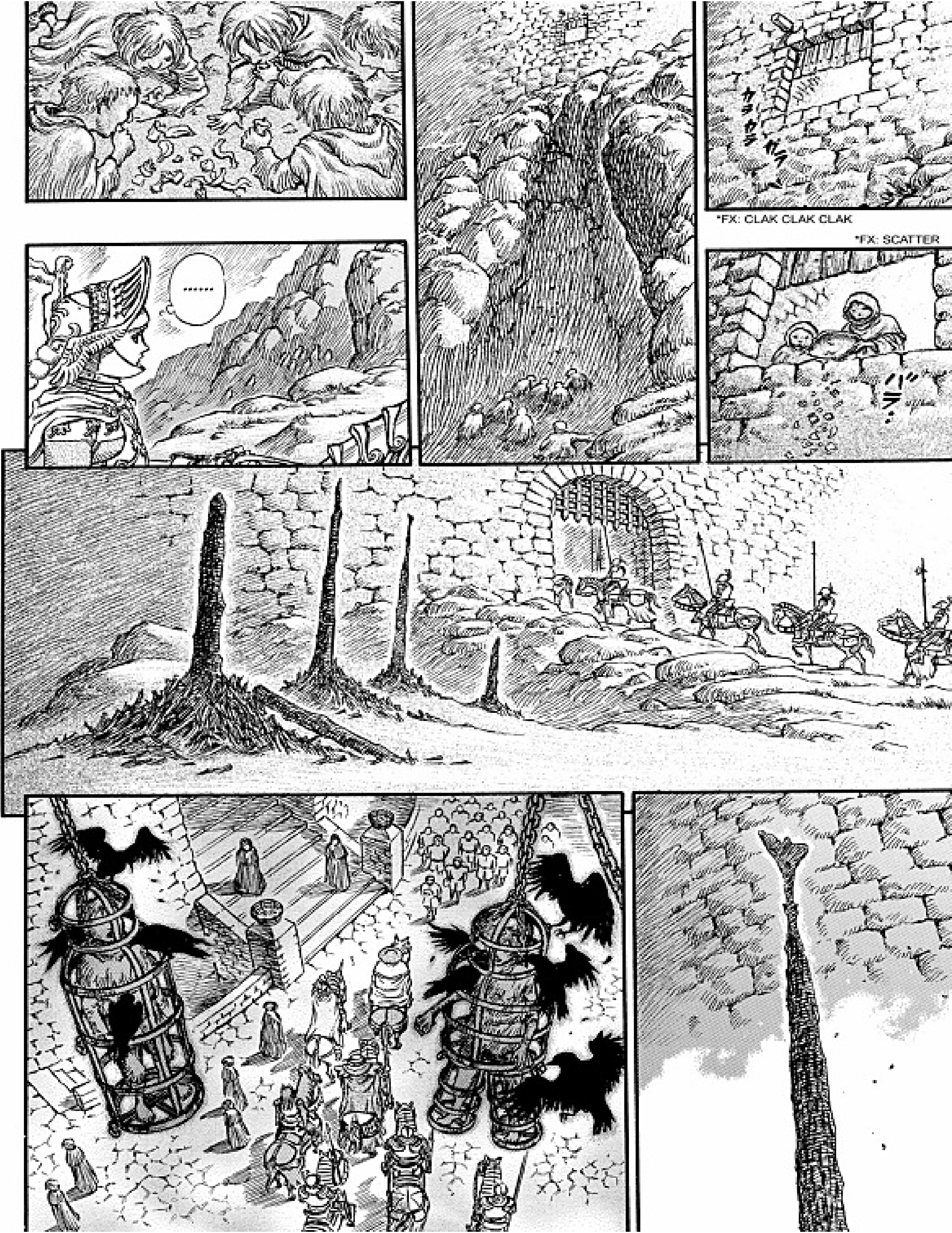

VERY WELL, THEN.
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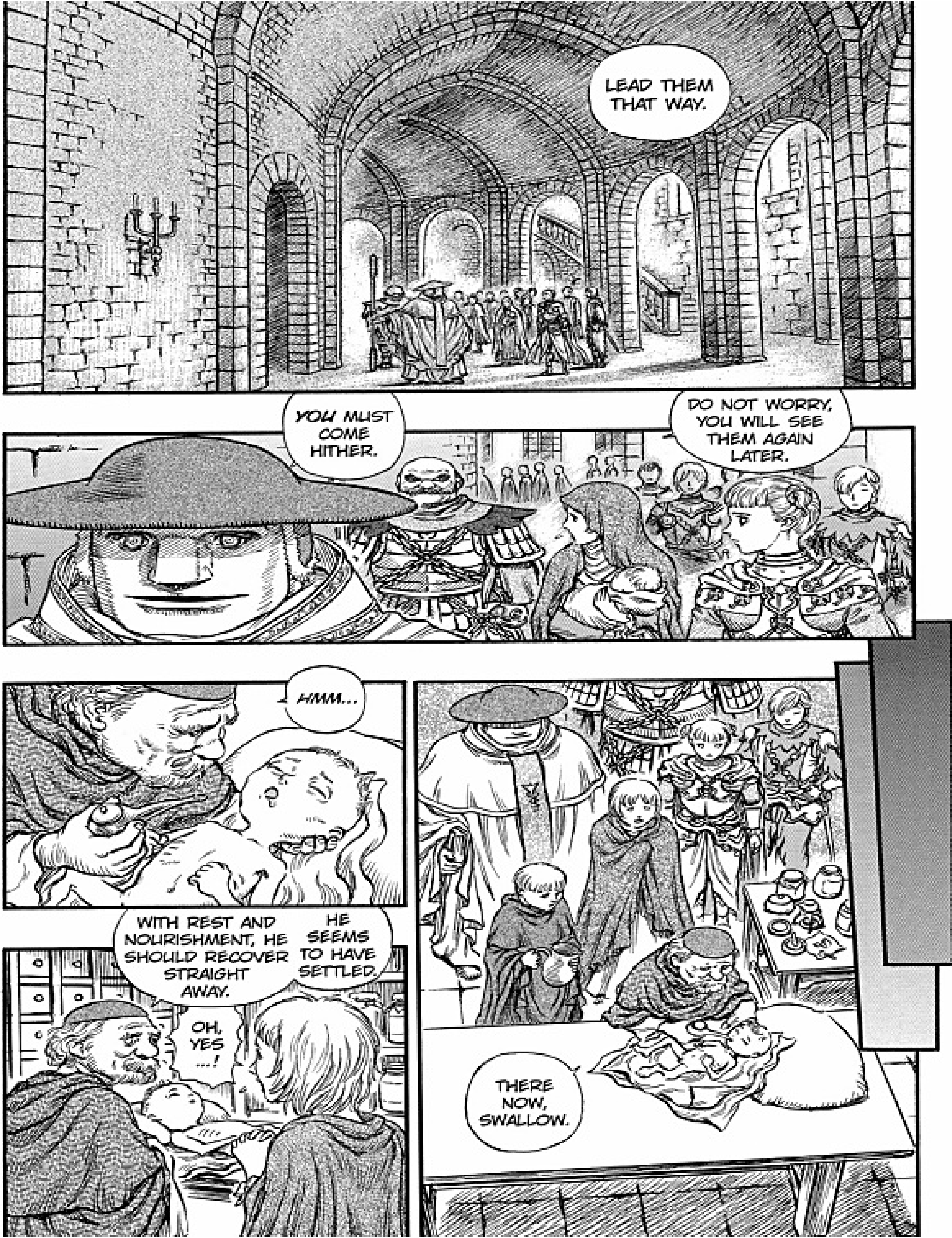
*FX: CLOP CLOP



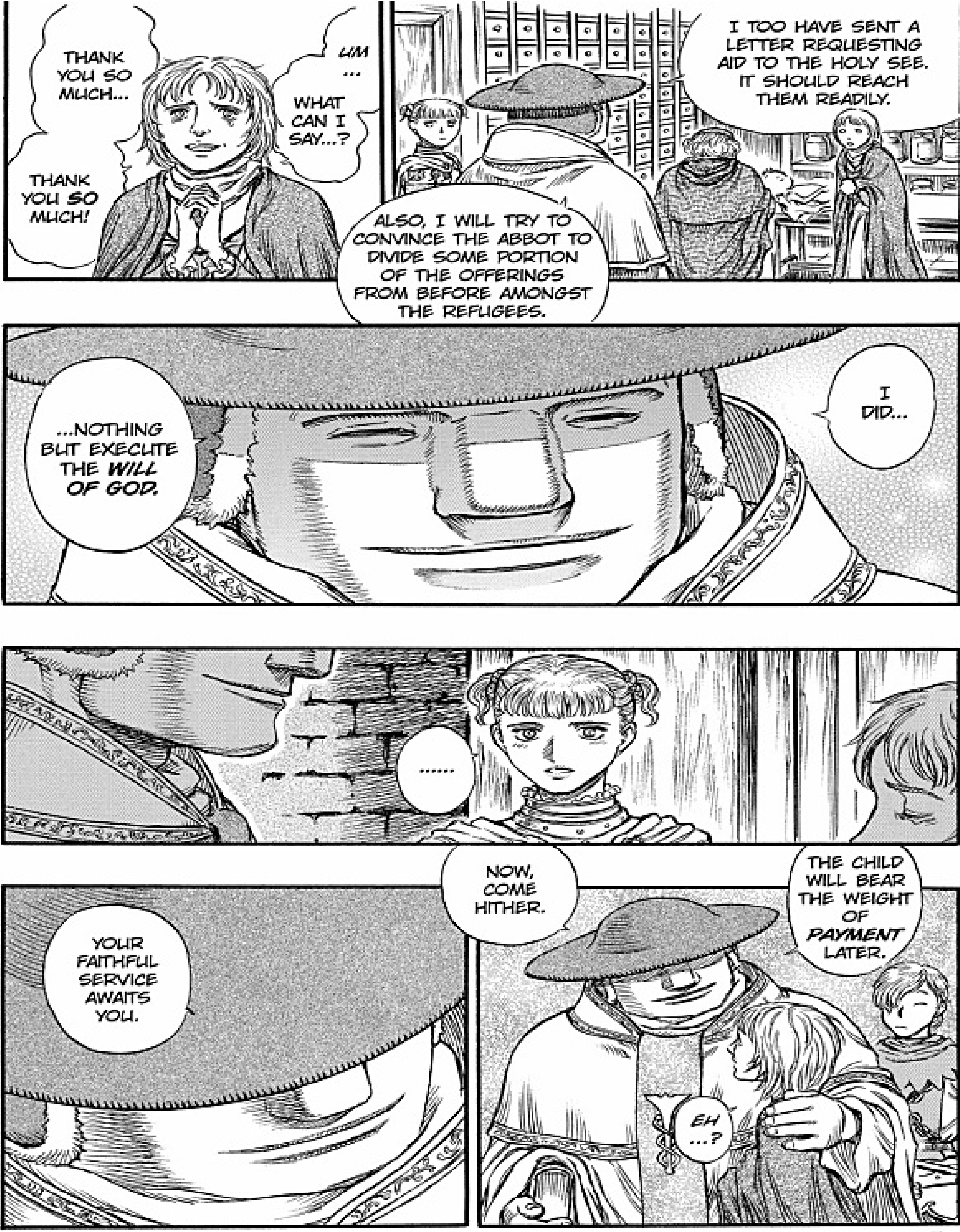

IN LIGHT OF YOUR BOLDNESS...
...GOD SHALL SHOW HIS MERCY.

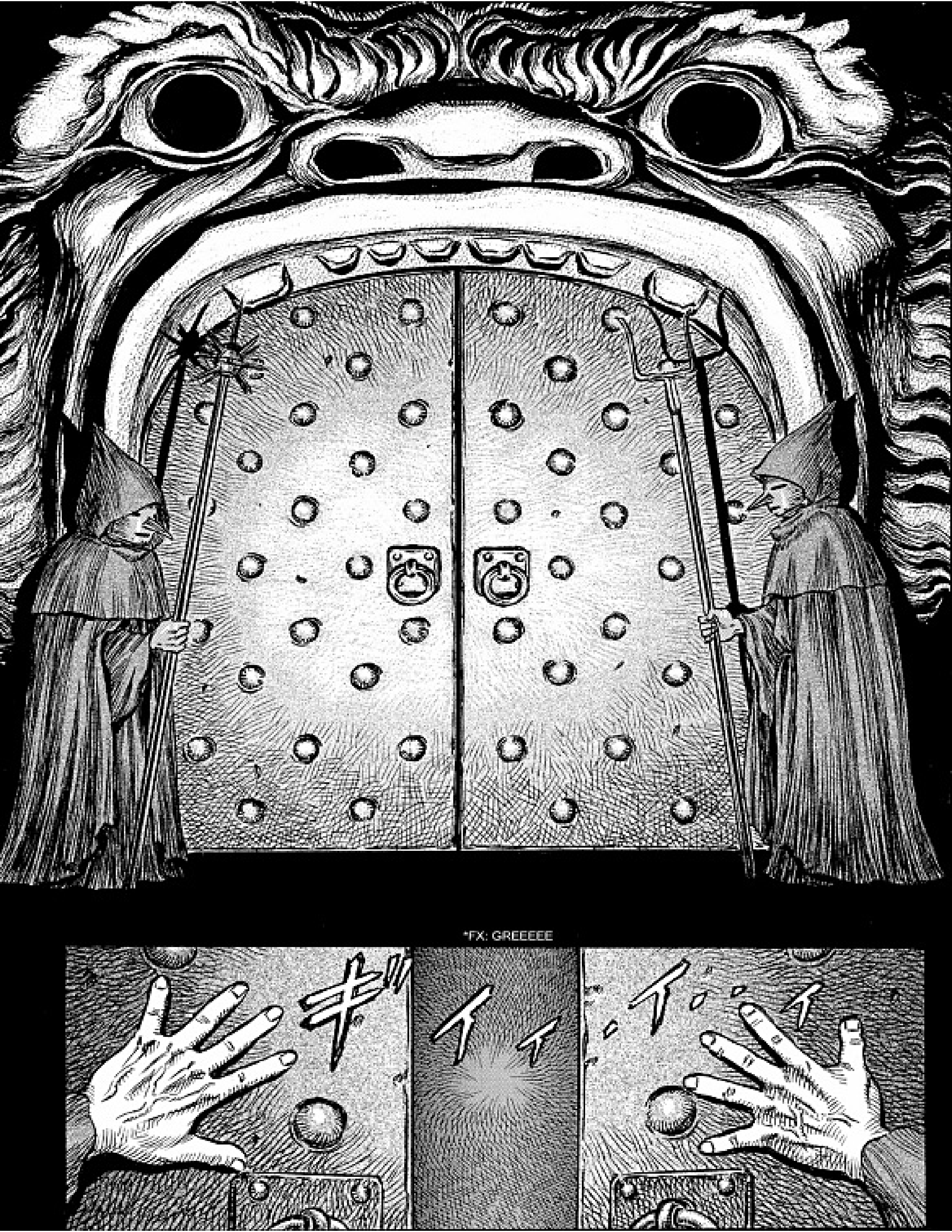

FATHER MOZGUS, BUT WHAT OF DISCIPLINE ...?
I HAVE CONSIDERED THAT TOO, NATURALLY.
BUT THE FACTS THAT I HAPPENED TO BE HERE...
...THAT SHE BROKE THE LAW FOR HER OWN CHILD, AND THAT SHE WAS CAPTURED BEFORE ME ARE SURELY ALL BY GOD'S GUIDANCE.
I SAY LOVE NEED NOT KNOW FEAR.
HER SELF-SACRIFICING PURE LOVE SHALL FIND REWARD.
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THESE WILL COME TO THE MONASTERY FOR NOW.


......
*FX: CLAK CLAK CLAK
*FX: SCATTER



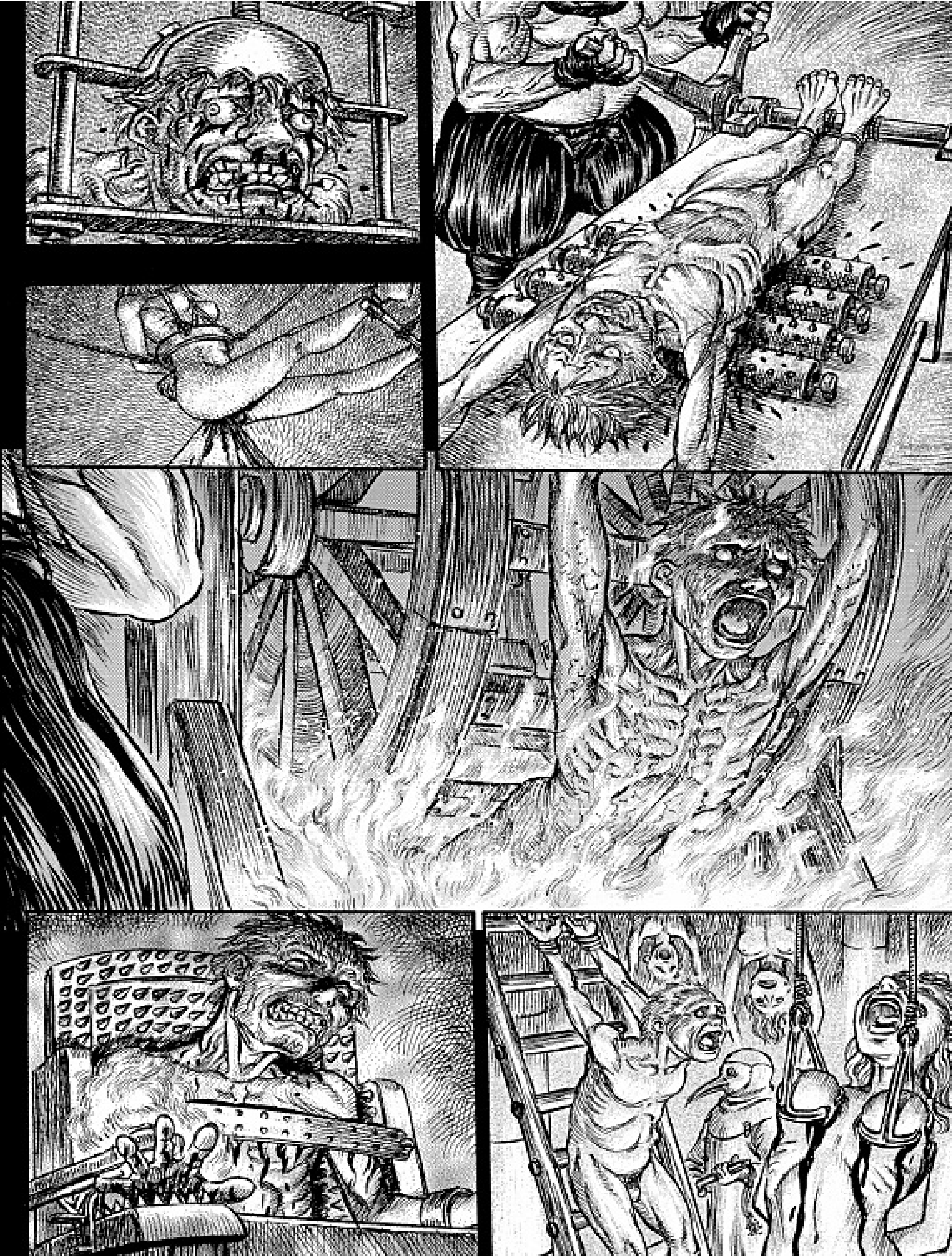
LEAD THEM THAT WAY.
YOU MUST COME HITHER.
DO NOT WORRY, YOU WILL SEE THEM AGAIN LATER.
THERE NOW, SWALLOW.
HMM...
HE SEEMS TO HAVE SETTLED.
WITH REST AND NOURISHMENT, HE SHOULD RECOVER STRAIGHT AWAY.
OH, YES ...!

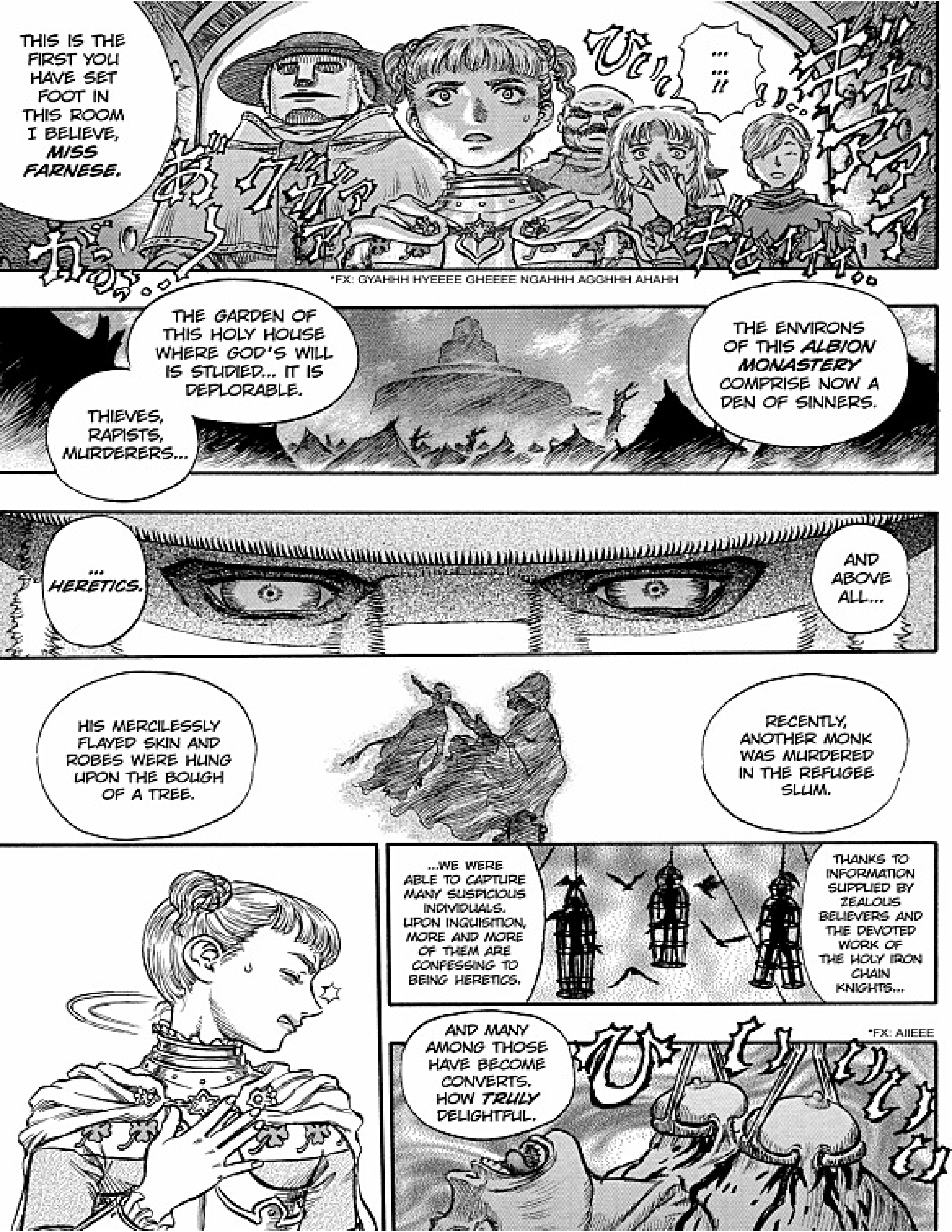

THANK YOU SO MUCH...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
UM ...
WHAT CAN I SAY...?
I TOO HAVE SENT A LETTER REQUESTING AID TO THE HOLY SEE. IT SHOULD REACH THEM READILY.
ALSO, I WILL TRY TO CONVINCE THE ABBOT TO DIVIDE SOME PORTION OF THE OFFERINGS FROM BEFORE AMONGST THE REFUGEES.
I DID...
...NOTHING BUT EXECUTE THE WILL OF GOD.
......
NOW, COME HITHER.
THE CHILD WILL BEAR THE WEIGHT OF PAYMENT LATER.
YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE AWAITS YOU.
EH ...?


*FX: GREEEEE





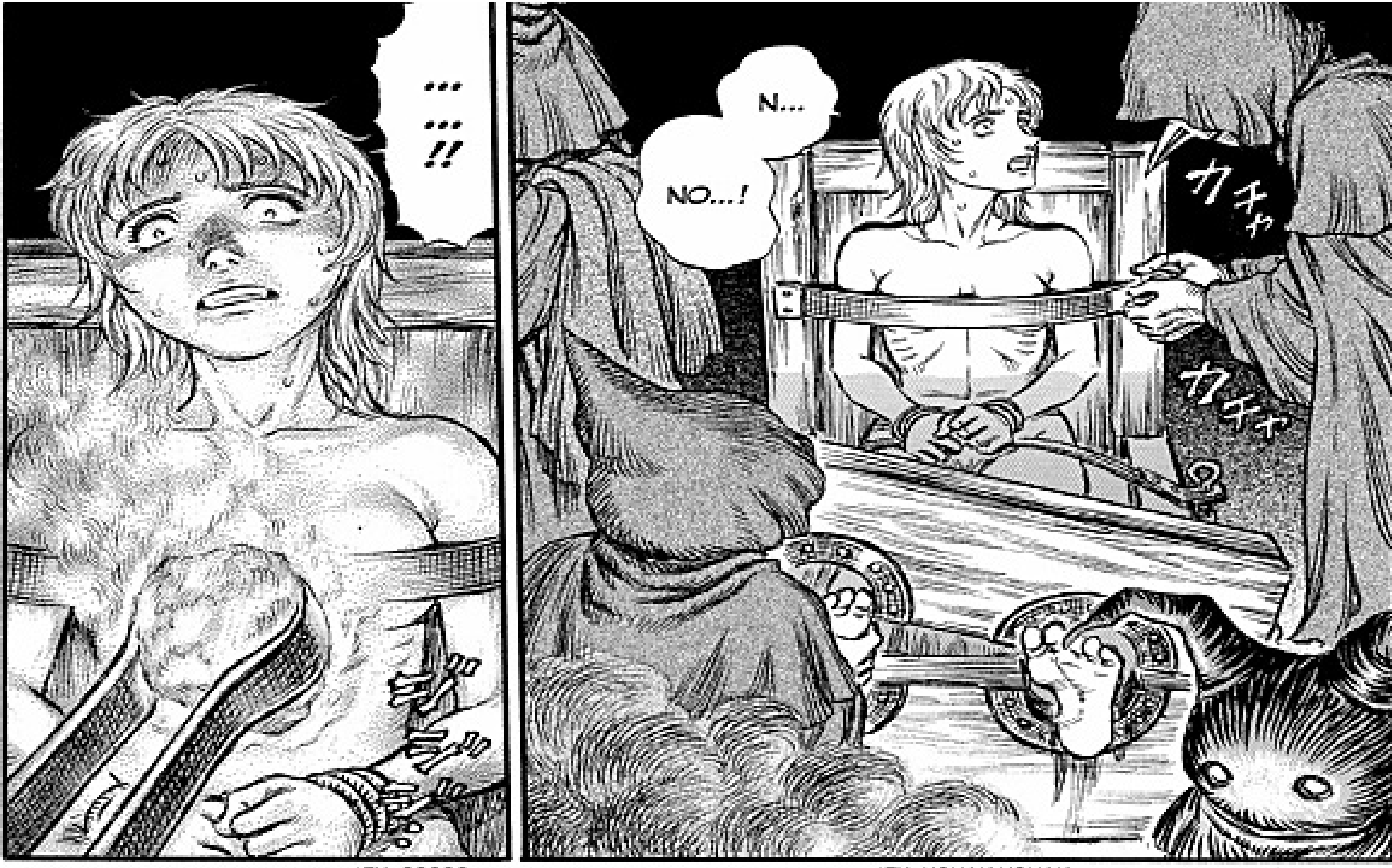




THIS IS THE FIRST YOU HAVE SET FOOT IN THIS ROOM I BELIEVE, MISS FARNESE.
...
...
!!
*FX: GYAHHH HYEEEE GHEEEE NGAHHH AGGHHH AHAHH
THE ENVIRONS OF THIS ALBION MONASTERY COMPRISE NOW A DEN OF SINNERS.
THE GARDEN OF THIS HOLY HOUSE WHERE GOD'S WILL IS STUDIED... IT IS DEPLORABLE.
THIEVES, RAPISTS, MURDERERS...
AND ABOVE ALL...
... HERETICS.
RECENTLY, ANOTHER MONK WAS MURDERED IN THE REFUGEE SLUM.
HIS MERCILESSLY FLAYED SKIN AND ROBES WERE HUNG UPON THE BOUGH OF A TREE.
THANKS TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ZEALOUS BELIEVERS AND THE DEVOTED WORK OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS...
...WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE MANY SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS. UPON INQUISITION, MORE AND MORE OF THEM ARE CONFESSING TO BEING HERETICS.
*FX: AIIEEE
AND MANY AMONG THOSE HAVE BECOME CONVERTS. HOW TRULY DELIGHTFUL.

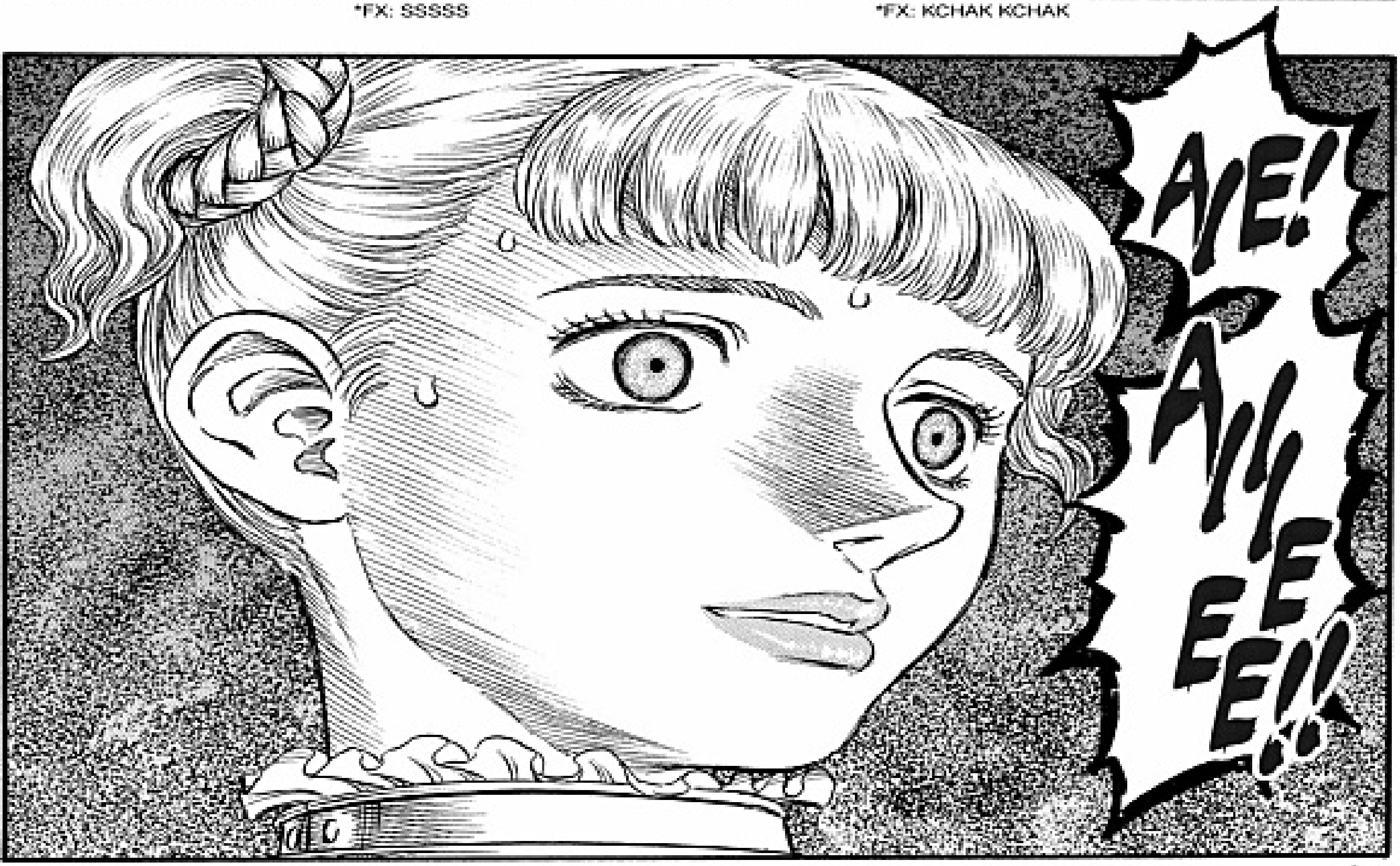

THOU SHALT NOT AVERT THINE EYES.
GOD DOES NOT RAIN BENEVOLENCE ALONE UPON THIS EARTH. HE IS ALSO A STRICT ARBITER.
THIS HELLISH SPECTACLE IS ONE ASPECT OF THE HOLY SEE TO WHICH YOU BELONG.
IGH...
YOUR LOVE AND COURAGE, WHICH LED YOU TO VIOLATE THE LAW WHILE TRYING TO SAVE YOUR CHILD, SHOULD BE EXTOLLED...
...BUT SIN IS SIN!!
*FX: CLAP *FX: FLINCH
THOU SHALT NOT FLEE!!


*SOB
YOU POSSESS SUCH COURAGE!!
I DO SO WANT YOU TO OVERCOME THIS TRIAL PROVIDED BY GOD!!
BEHOLD!! SEE HOW YOUR BRETHREN HAVE WAITED ANXIOUSLY FOR YOU!!
*FX: GYAHHHH
*FX: JSSHHH
THOU SHALT NOT FEAR!!!
ENTRUST ALL INTO THE LORD'S HANDS!!



*FX: SSSSS

*FX: KCHAK KCHAK



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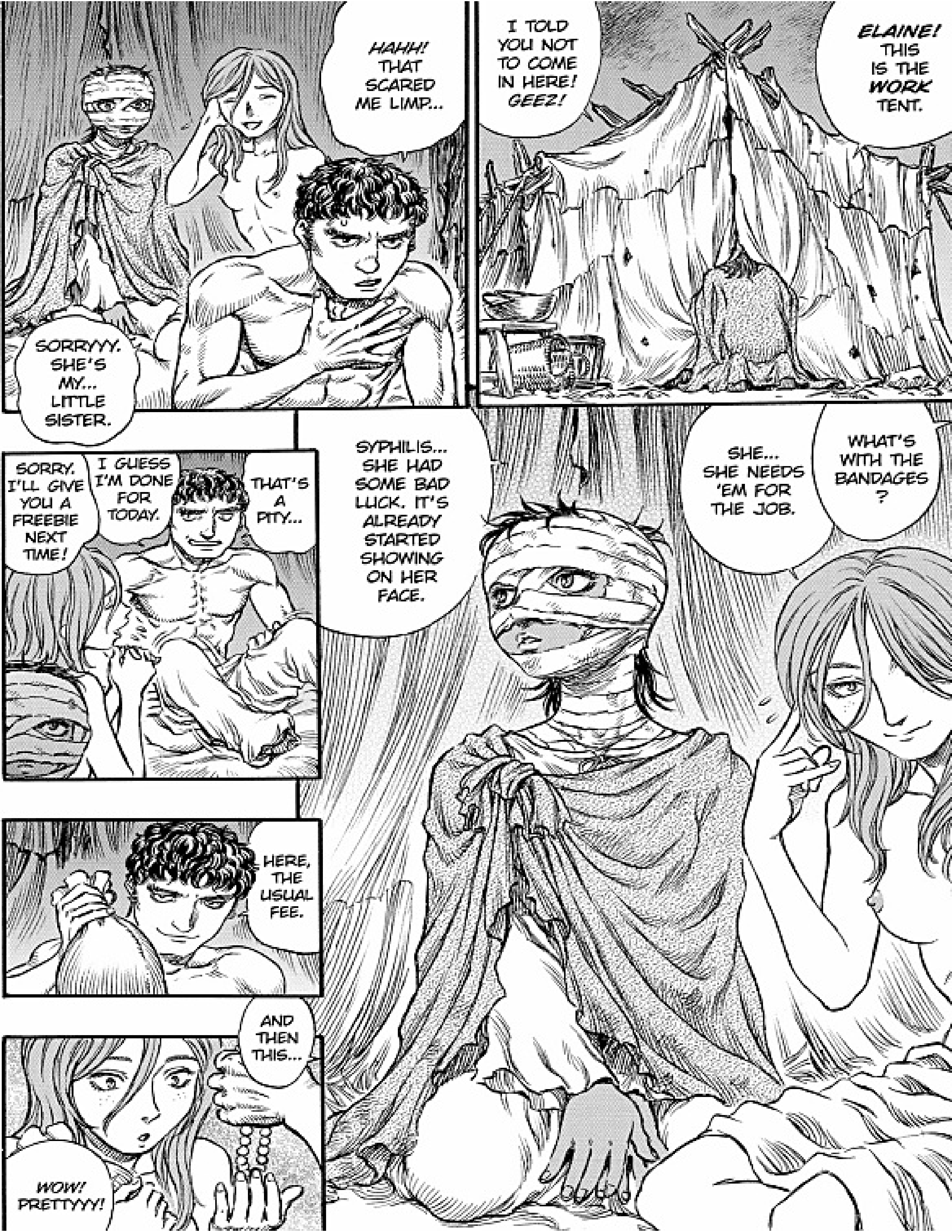

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L-LEMME GO! I AIN'T KILLED NO PRIESTS...!
I AIN'T NO HERETIC!
THERE WAS EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY OF THE CRIME ITSELF!! WE WILL INVESTIGATE THAT NEXT!!

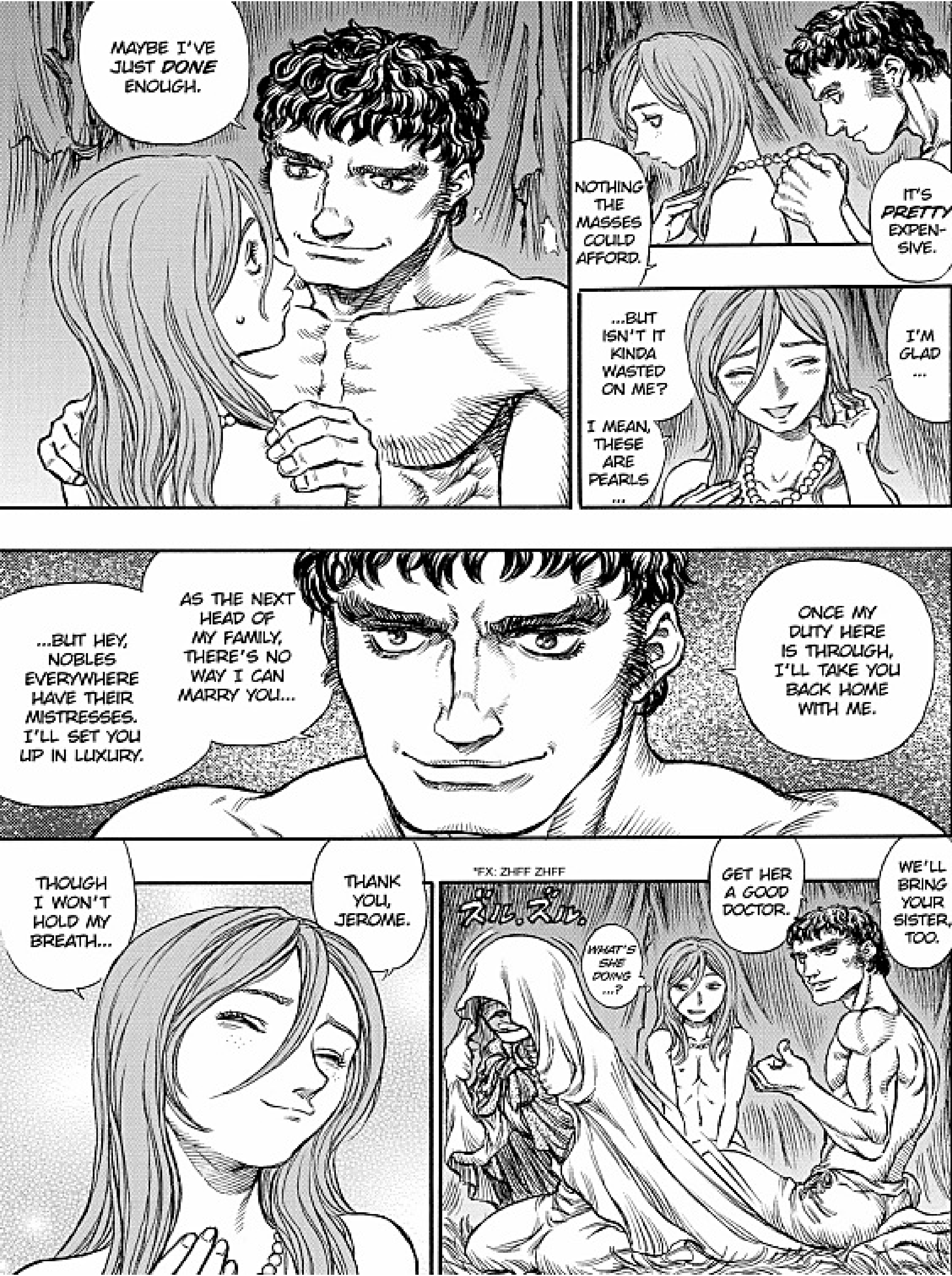

THAT ISN'T TRUE! IF YOU'RE PROVEN INNOCENT, YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY ...
SAVE YOUR ROT!! THERE AIN'T A ONE WHO'S COME BACK SAFE YET!!
*FX: HA!
ALMS...
*FX: STAGGER
OH, LORD...
ALMS...

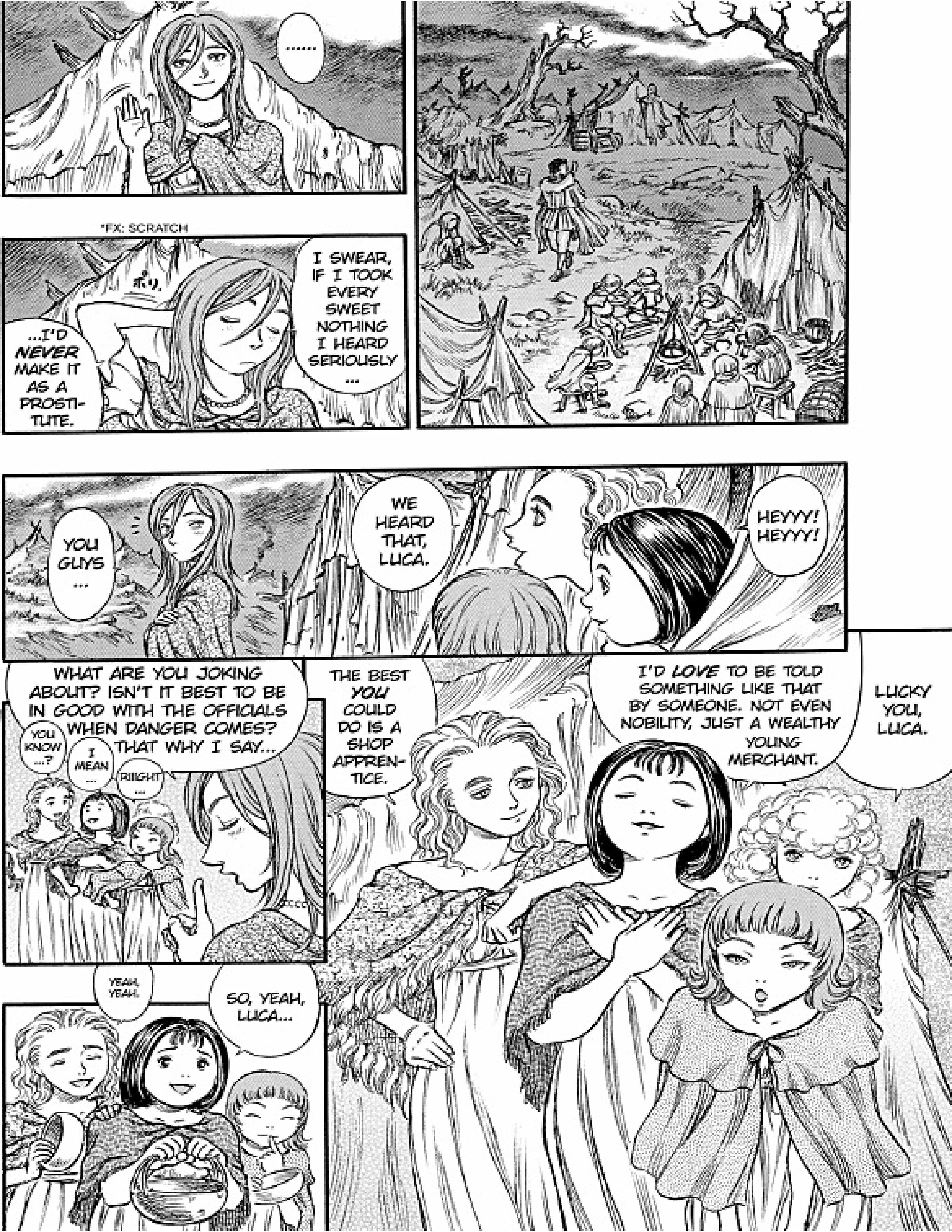

....
I'LL KILL YOU...!!
WHEN I COME BACK, I SWEAR I'LL KILL YOU!!
GODDAMMIT!! WHO DID THIS?!
WHO SET ME UP?!
BRING HIM ALONG.
GAHHH!
THAT GUY LIVED OFF THE FEARS OF OTHER PEOPLE AROUND HERE.
IT'S BECAUSE HE DIDN'T FIT IN WITH THE REST, SO IT'S GOOD RIDDANCE FOR HIM. DAMN, BOTH THE RATS AND THE SCAPEGOATS MAKE ME WANT TO VOMIT.
DAMN YOUUUU...
AH, WELL ...

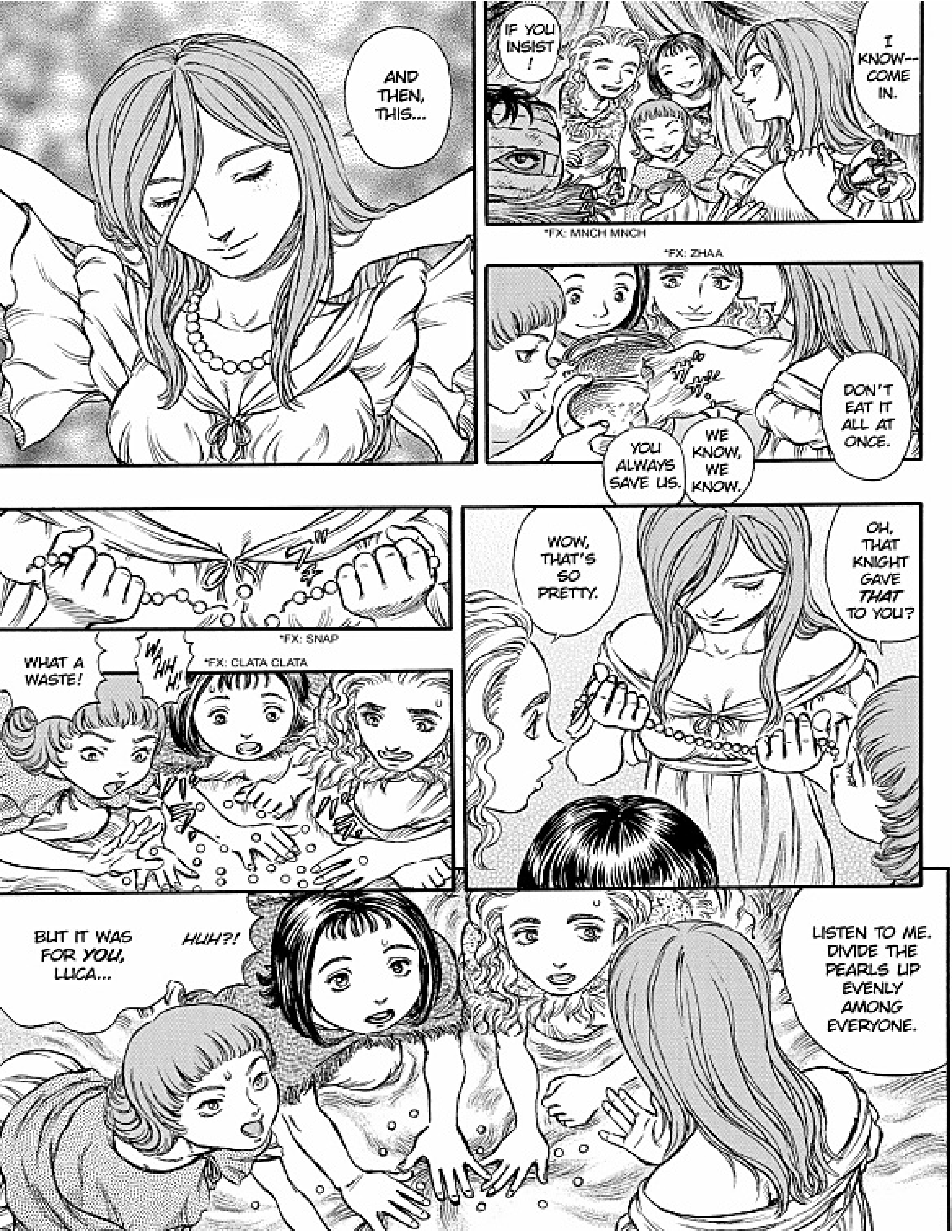

HEY, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE FOCUS.
OH! WHOOPS, I'M SORRY.
IT'S NOT THAT. YOU'RE SPECIAL-- YOU COME HERE THIS WAY EVERY DAY.
GLAD I'M NOT JUST A JOB.
YOUR FELLOW SOLDIERS ARE HARD AT WORK OUT THERE...
...BUT YOU'RE HERE EVEN BEFORE SUNSET...
IS THIS OKAY, THOUGH?
YOU DON'T LIKE IT ?
"SHE'S NOT AS SKILLED AS A MAN, NOR DOES SHE EXCEL IN COMMAND."
"WELL, IT *IS* TRADITION THAT THE LEADER OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS BE A WOMAN, BUT IF SHE'S ORNAMENTAL, I WISH SHE'D TRY HARDER TO *ACT* LIKE IT."
"SHE OPENS HER MOUTH AND IT'S DUTY, FAITH, OR SOME CRAZY ORDER..."
"...AND SHE DOESN'T GIVE US A WORD OF THANKS."
THAT LADY COMMANDER SEEMS FRIGHTENING, THOUGH.
I WORRY THAT YOU'LL GET IN TROUBLE.
I DON'T LIKE THE COMMANDER ...
NONE OF US DO.

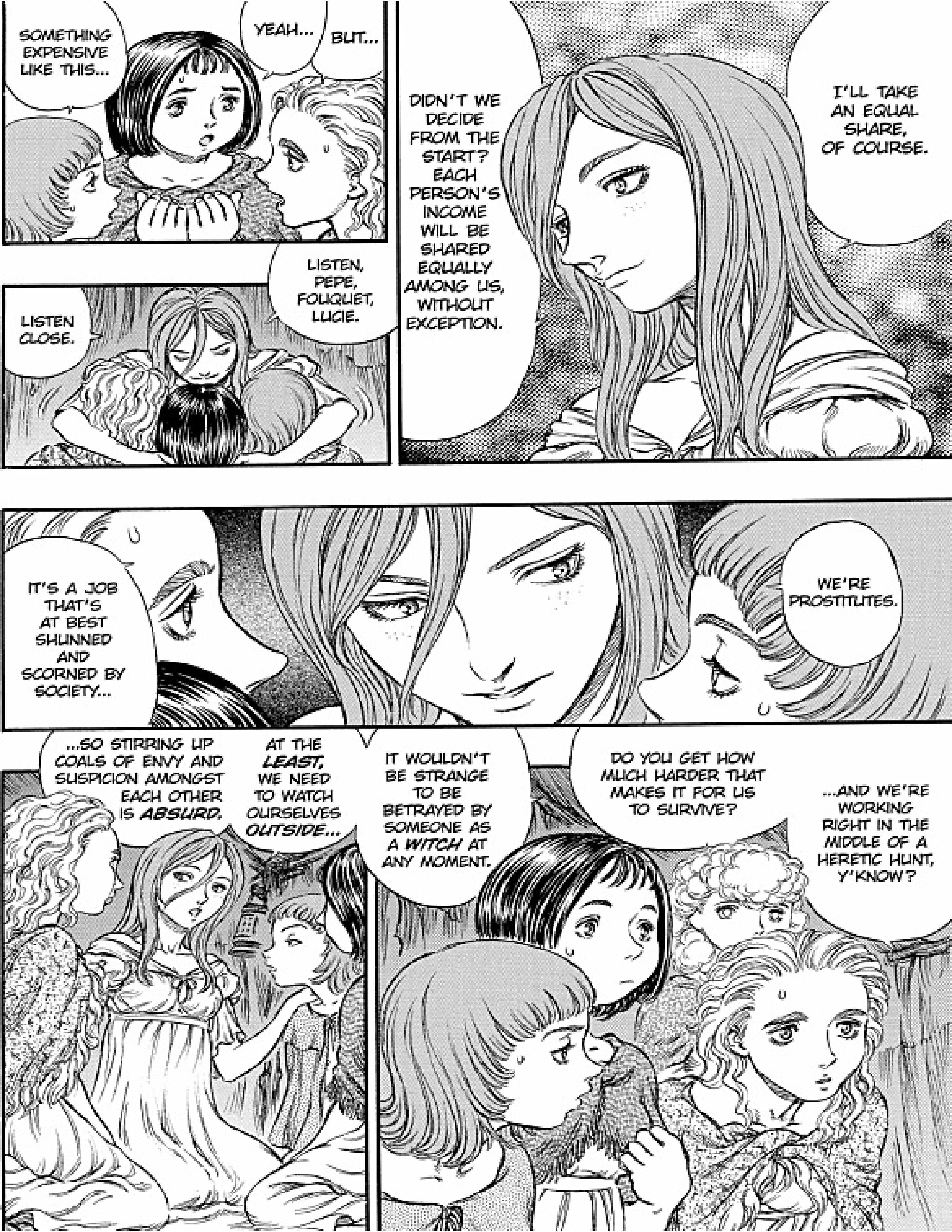

I'M SURE IT'S PRETTY...
...HARD.
THE ONLY WOMAN AMONG A BUNCH OF MEN...
AH...
I CAN'T SEE WHY THEY WORK SO HARD AT THIS TWISTED DUTY.
YOU LIBERTINE ...
OWAAHHH!
AHHHH!
UH-OH.

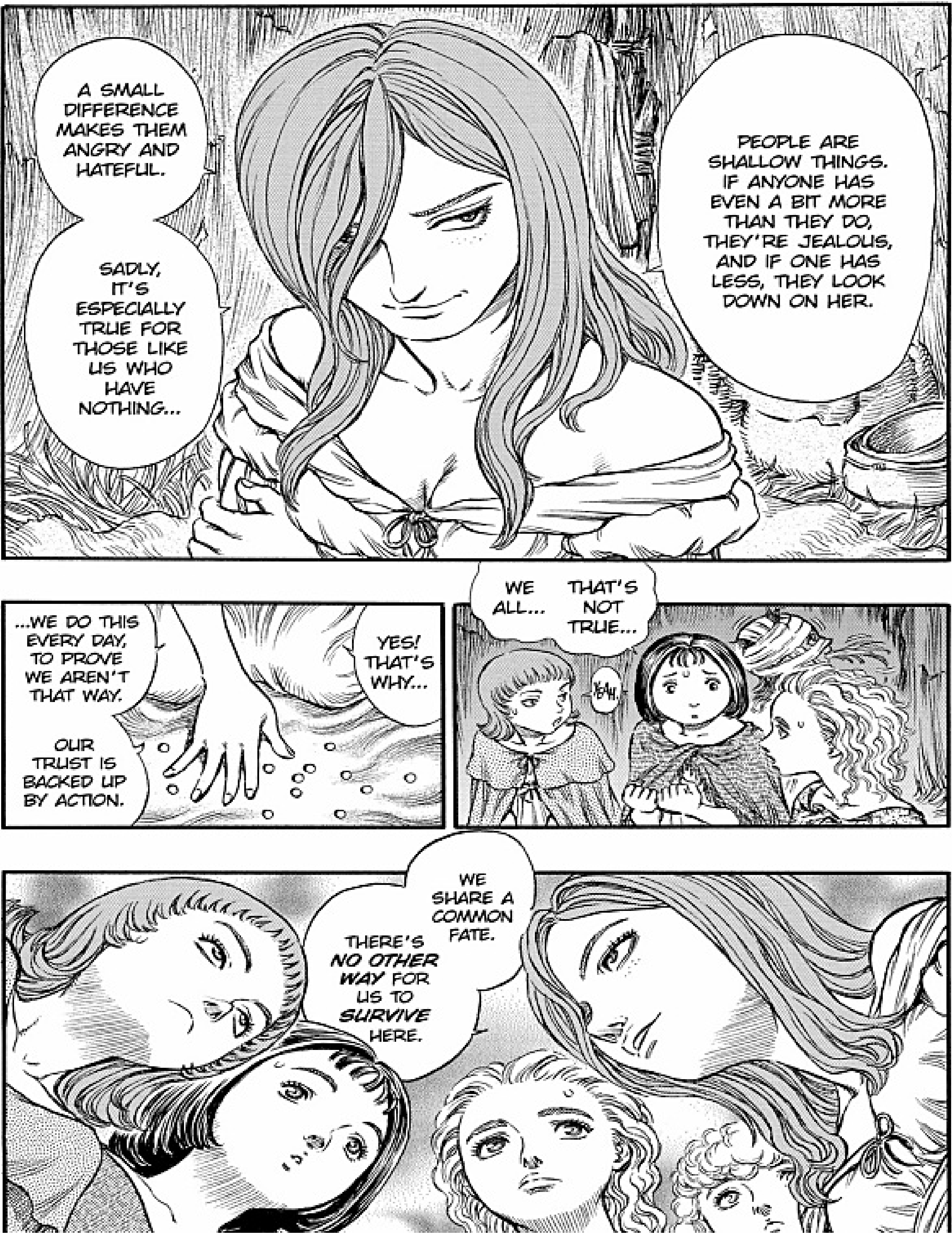

HAHH! THAT SCARED ME LIMP...
SORRYYY. SHE'S MY... LITTLE SISTER.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME IN HERE! GEEZ!
ELAINE! THIS IS THE WORK TENT.
THAT'S A PITY...
I GUESS I'M DONE FOR TODAY.
SORRY. I'LL GIVE YOU A FREEBIE NEXT TIME!
HERE, THE USUAL FEE.
AND THEN THIS...
WOW! PRETTYYY!
WHAT'S WITH THE BANDAGES?
SHE... SHE NEEDS 'EM FOR THE JOB.
SYPHILIS... SHE HAD SOME BAD LUCK. IT'S ALREADY STARTED SHOWING ON HER FACE.


MAYBE I'VE JUST *DONE* ENOUGH.
IT'S *PRETTY* EXPENSIVE.
NOTHING THE MASSES COULD AFFORD.
I'M GLAD ...
...BUT ISN'T IT KINDA WASTED ON ME?
I MEAN, THESE ARE PEARLS ...
ONCE MY DUTY HERE IS THROUGH, I'LL TAKE YOU BACK HOME WITH ME.
AS THE NEXT HEAD OF MY FAMILY, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN MARRY YOU...
...BUT HEY, NOBLES EVERYWHERE HAVE THEIR MISTRESSES. I'LL SET YOU UP IN LUXURY.
WE'LL BRING YOUR SISTER, TOO.
GET HER A GOOD DOCTOR.
WHAT'S SHE DOING ...?
*FX: ZHFF ZHFF
THANK YOU, JEROME.
THOUGH I WON'T HOLD MY BREATH...


......
*FX: SCRATCH
ポリ。
I SWEAR, IF I TOOK EVERY SWEET NOTHING I HEARD SERIOUSLY...
...I'D NEVER MAKE IT AS A PROSTITUTE.
YOU GUYS...
WE HEARD THAT, LUCA.
HEYYY! HEYYY!
WHAT ARE YOU JOKING ABOUT? ISN'T IT BEST TO BE IN GOOD WITH THE OFFICIALS WHEN DANGER COMES? THAT WHY I SAY...
YOU KNOW...?
I MEAN...
RIIGHT...
THE BEST YOU COULD DO IS A SHOP APPRENTICE.
I'D LOVE TO BE TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT BY SOMEONE. NOT EVEN NOBILITY, JUST A WEALTHY YOUNG MERCHANT.
LUCKY YOU, LUCA.
YEAH, YEAH.
SO, YEAH, LUCA...

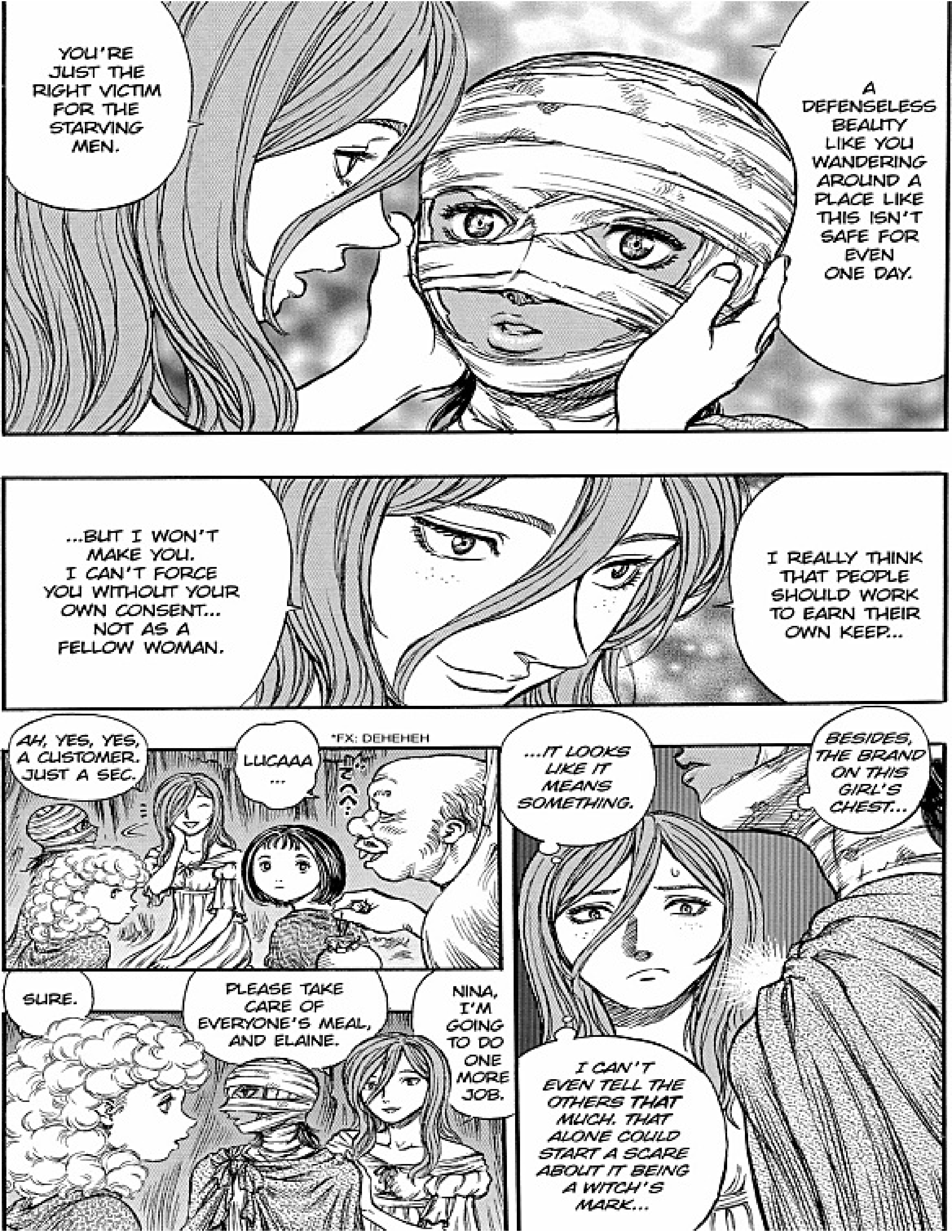

AND THEN, THIS...
I KNOW-- COME IN.
IF YOU INSIST!
*FX: MNCH MNCH
*FX: ZHAA
DON'T EAT IT ALL AT ONCE.
WE KNOW, WE KNOW.
YOU ALWAYS SAVE US.
OH, THAT KNIGHT GAVE THAT TO YOU?
WOW, THAT'S SO PRETTY.
*FX: SNAP
*FX: CLATA CLATA
WAAH!
WHAT A WASTE!
LISTEN TO ME. DIVIDE THE PEARLS UP EVENLY AMONG EVERYONE.
HUH?!
BUT IT WAS FOR YOU, LUCA...


SOMETHING EXPENSIVE LIKE THIS...
YEAH...
BUT...
LISTEN, PEPE, FOUQUIET, LUCIE.
LISTEN CLOSE.
DIDN'T WE DECIDE FROM THE START? EACH PERSON'S INCOME WILL BE SHARED EQUALLY AMONG US, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
I'LL TAKE AN EQUAL SHARE, OF COURSE.
WE'RE PROSTITUTES.
IT'S A JOB THAT'S AT BEST SHUNNED AND SCORNED BY SOCIETY...
...SO STIRRING UP COALS OF ENVY AND SUSPICION AMONGST EACH OTHER IS ABSURD.
AT THE LEAST, WE NEED TO WATCH OURSELVES OUTSIDE...
IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE TO BE BETRAYED BY SOMEONE AS A WITCH AT ANY MOMENT.
...AND WE'RE WORKING RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A HERETIC HUNT, Y'KNOW?
DO YOU GET HOW MUCH HARDER THAT MAKES IT FOR US TO SURVIVE?


A SMALL DIFFERENCE MAKES THEM ANGRY AND HATEFUL.
SADLY, IT'S ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR THOSE LIKE US WHO HAVE NOTHING...
PEOPLE ARE SHALLOW THINGS. IF ANYONE HAS EVEN A BIT MORE THAN THEY DO, THEY'RE JEALOUS, AND IF ONE HAS LESS, THEY LOOK DOWN ON HER.
...WE DO THIS EVERY DAY, TO PROVE WE AREN'T THAT WAY.
OUR TRUST IS BACKED UP BY ACTION.
YES! THAT'S WHY...
WE ALL...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
WE SHARE A COMMON FATE.
THERE'S *NO OTHER WAY* FOR US TO *SURVIVE* HERE.

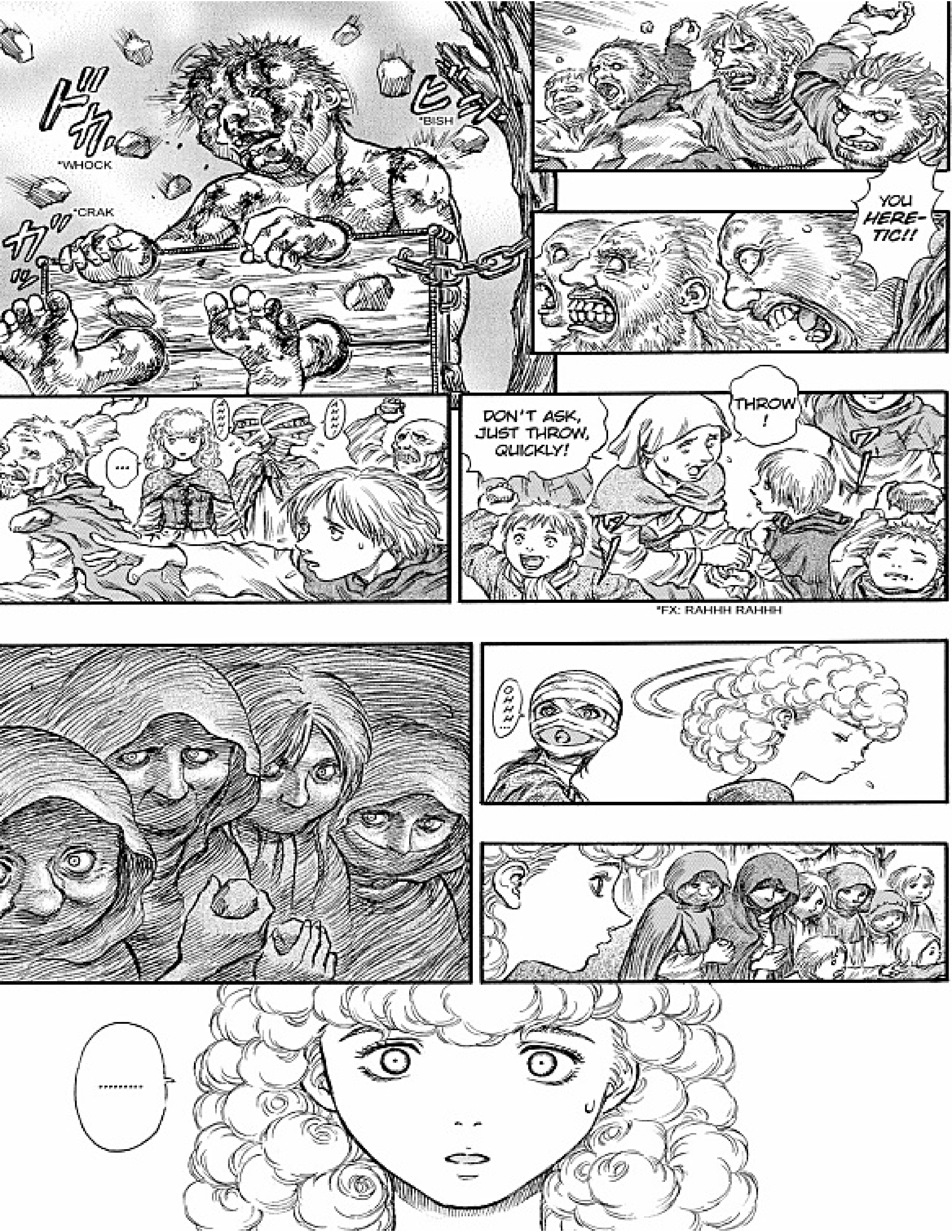


IF YOU DON'T WANNA BE RATTED ON, GET OUT THERE AND SPREAD SOME GOOD WILL AROUND!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? IT'S TO AVOID PETTY JEALOUSY. THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IN THIS WORLD IS TO *HAVE TOO MUCH.*
YES, MA'AM.
HUH? ONE'S MISSING ...
WHAT A WASTE.
WHAT, *AGAIN?*
NOW, AS ALWAYS, WE'LL SHARE HALF OUR EARNINGS WITH THE NEIGHBORS.
PUH PUH
ONE, TWO, THREE
*FX: SMEP
*PTOO
*FX: CRNCH CRNCH
THAT'S NO GOOD. HAVE TO BIND THEM TIGHTER.
OOOO...
OH!
YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL, IF IT'S A BIT SNUG.
*FFF



A DEFENSELESS BEAUTY LIKE YOU WANDERING AROUND A PLACE LIKE THIS ISN'T SAFE FOR EVEN ONE DAY.
YOU'RE JUST THE RIGHT VICTIM FOR THE STARVING MEN.
I REALLY THINK THAT PEOPLE SHOULD WORK TO EARN THEIR OWN KEEP...
...BUT I WON'T MAKE YOU. I CAN'T FORCE YOU WITHOUT YOUR OWN CONSENT... NOT AS A FELLOW WOMAN.
BESIDES, THE BRAND ON THIS GIRL'S CHEST...
...IT LOOKS LIKE IT MEANS SOMETHING.
I CAN'T EVEN TELL THE OTHERS THAT MUCH. THAT ALONE COULD START A SCARE ABOUT IT BEING A WITCH'S MARK...
*FX: DEHEHEH
LUCAAA ...
AH, YES, YES, A CUSTOMER. JUST A SEC.
NINA, I'M GOING TO DO ONE MORE JOB.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE'S MEAL, AND ELAINE.
SURE.


I TOLD A DOCTOR CUSTOMER ABOUT YOU, AND HE GAVE ME THIS AS PAYMENT.
HE SAID TO DRINK A MOUTHFUL MORNING AND NIGHT.
AND ALSO, THIS.
TH--
THANKS.
LUCA ...
I'LL GO DRAW SOME WATER.
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*FX: DEHEHEH
*FX: RAHHH RAHHH
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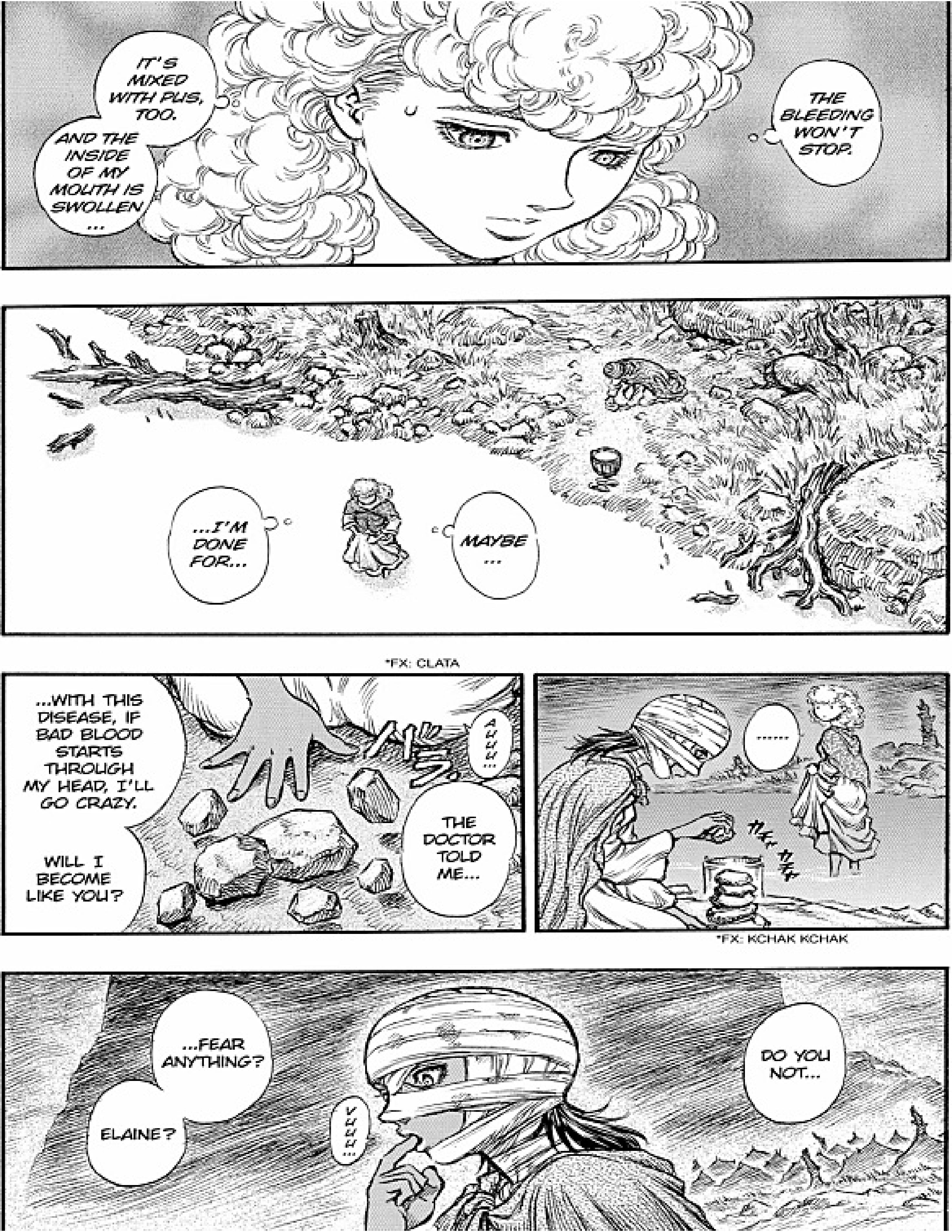

*BISH
*WHOCK
*CRAK
YOU HERETIC!!
THROW!
DON'T ASK, JUST THROW, QUICKLY!
...
*FX: RAHHH RAHHH
....



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......
*KAWWW
*KAWWW
*FLING
'TIS THE HAWK!!
THE GODDESS OF FLAME'S REVELATION!
THE HAWK SHALL ALIGHT!!
AFTER IT REPELS THE BARBARIANS, IT SHALL LEAD US TO BE ONE NATION!!



IT USED TO BE US POOR FOLK COULD GET ON WELL WITH THE PRIESTS, BUT EVER SINCE THIS HERESY BUSINESS SCARED EVERYONE OUT OF THEIR WITS...
IT'S A PITY.
FATHER, HUSH!
ELAINE, DON'T.
GO AWAY! WHAT IF SOMEONE MISTAKES US FOR HERETICS, TOO?!
NONE OF YOU MUST FORGET THIS!!
SHUT UP, OLD MAN!
....
*FX: PLASH
*FX: WHEW
*FX: BLASH BLASH
*PLCH

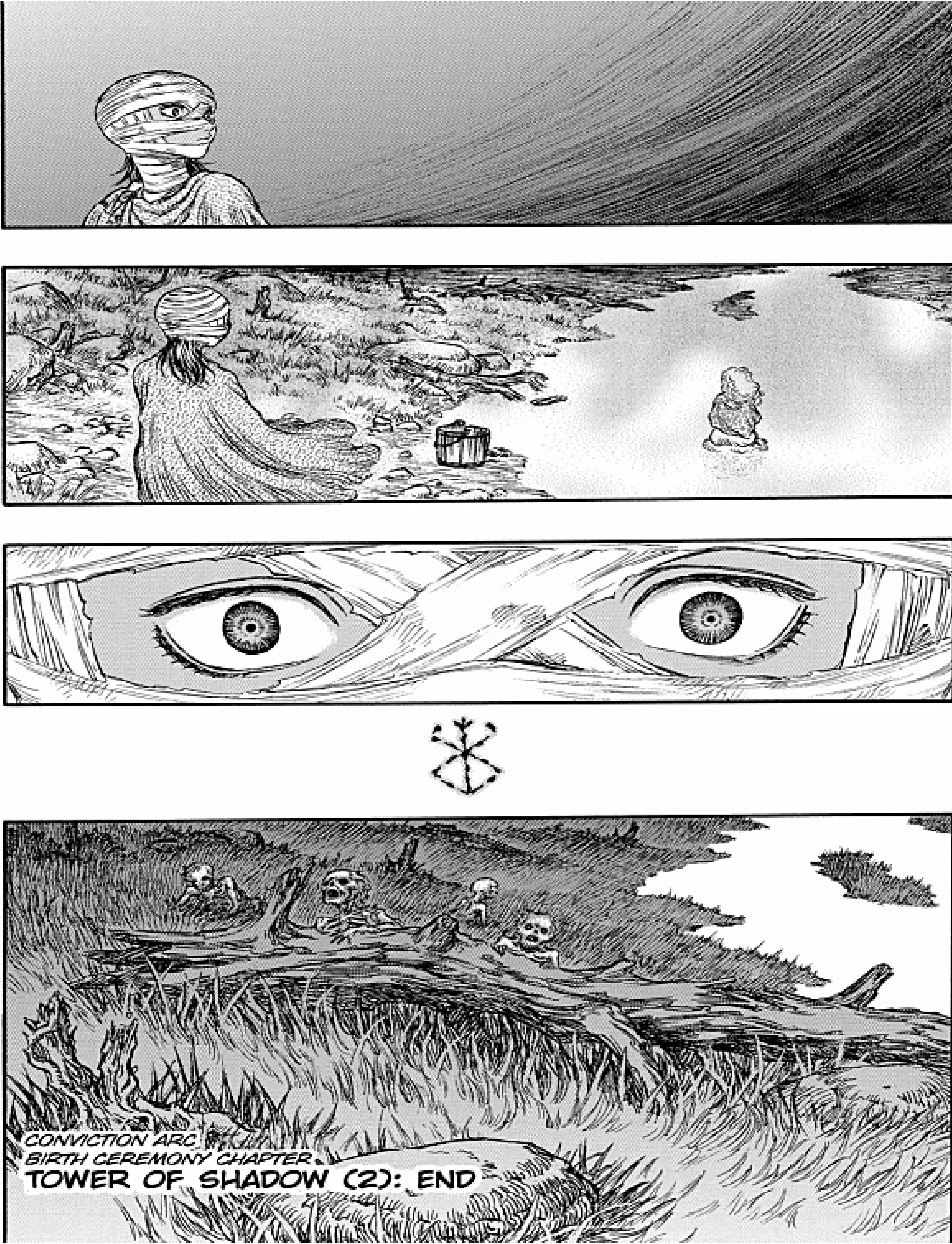


*FX: CLATA

*FX: KCHAK KCHAK


*FX: GONNNG GONNNG
......
HERE ...
...WE'RE IN THE SHADOW OF THAT TOWER ALMOST ALL DAY.
EVEN THOUGH GOD IS HERE...
...WHY DOES IT SEEM SO...
...GRAVE AND TERRIBLE ?
... ...
*FX: GONNNG
SCARED ...
I'M SCARED ...
*FX: CLUTCH
I'M SCARED ...
SO SCARED...
I CAN'T STAND IT...
LUCAAA ...


OF DYING...
OF LIVING...
*KCHAK
カチャ
OF THIS WORLD...
OF GOD...!!
*GONNNG
ゴーーン
*GONNNG
ゴーーン
*GONNNG
OF...
...EVERY-THING.
SO SCARED...
I CAN'T STAND IT...


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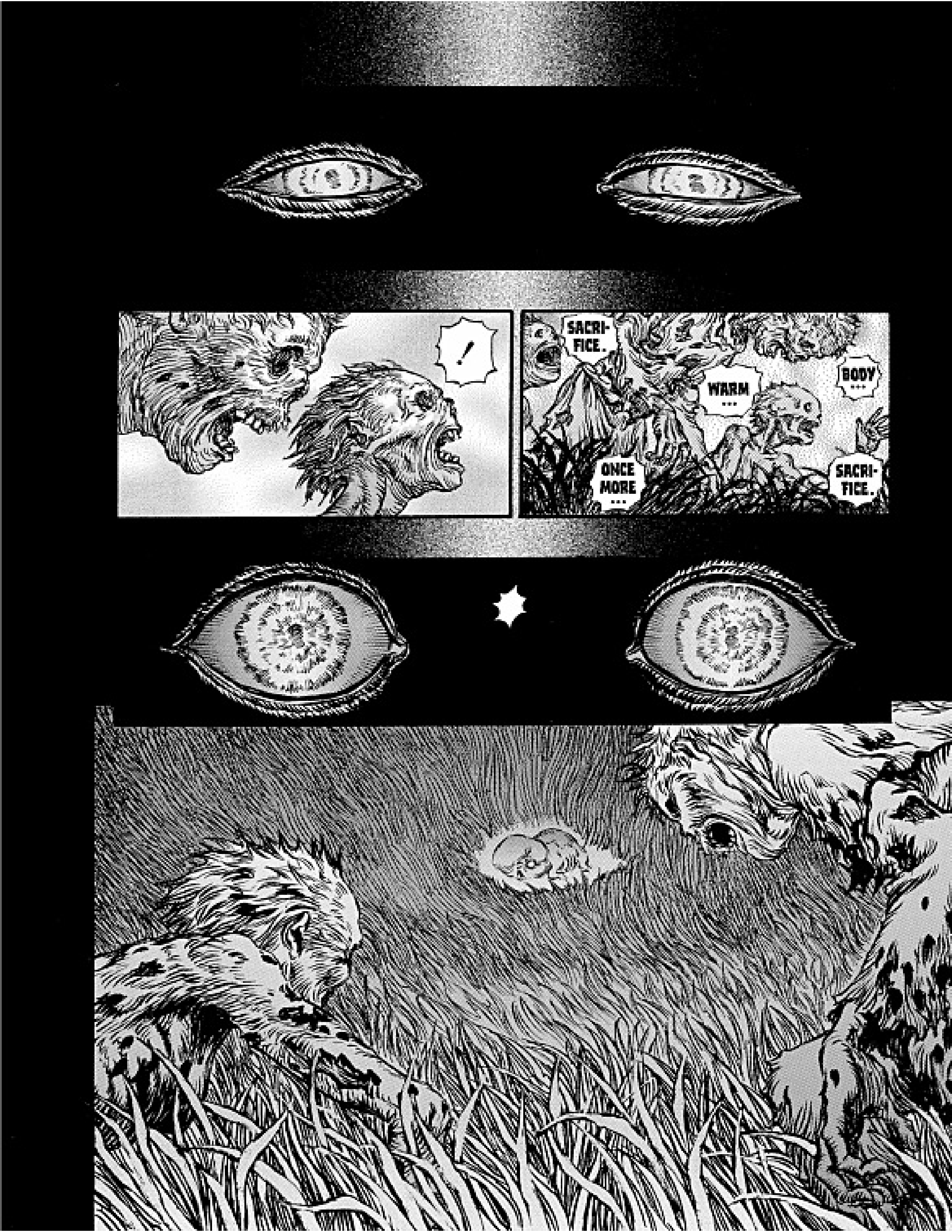
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*GONNNG
ゴ〝ーーン…
*GONNNG
ゴ〝ーーン…

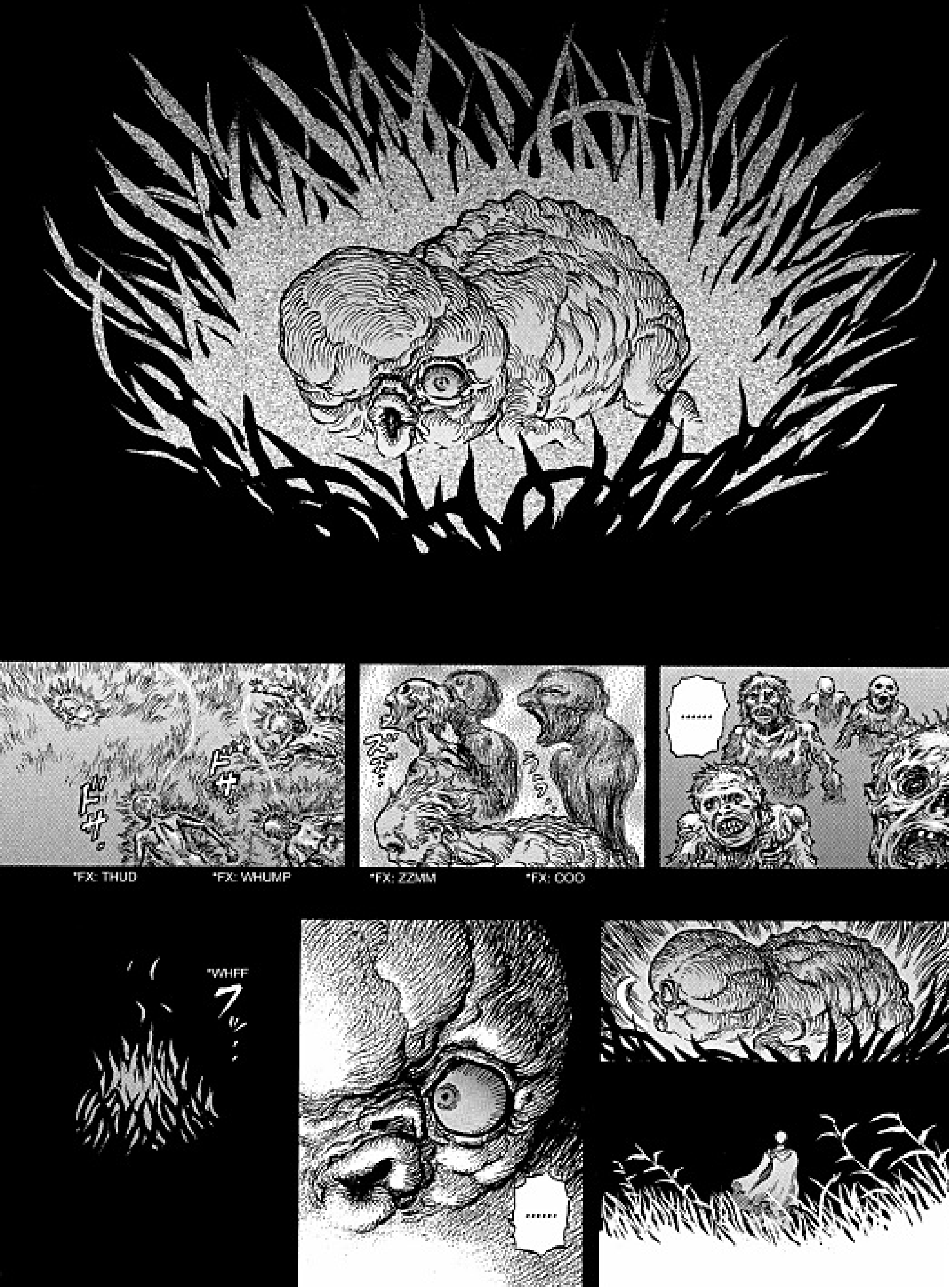

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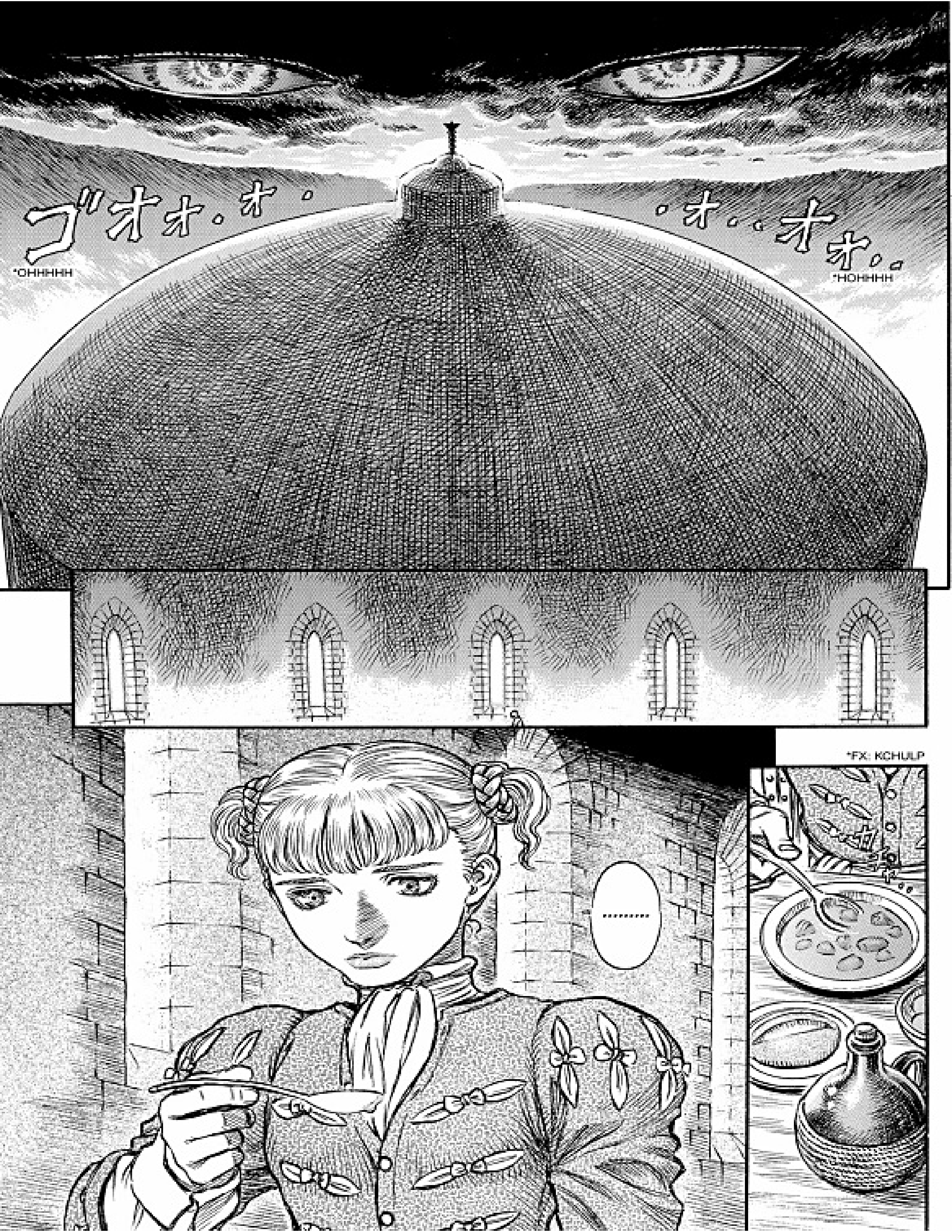
SACRI-FICE.
GIVE BACK ...
SO COLD ...
... BODY ...
...MY WARM BODY ?
WHERE IS...
SACRI-FICE...
THOUGH I PRAYED ...
ANGUISH ...
I KEPT PRAYING ...
PAIN ...
CURSE YOU...
I'M HUNGRY ...
CURSE YOU, GODDDD.
SACRI-FICE...



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SACRI-
FICE.
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MORE
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SACRI-
FICE.

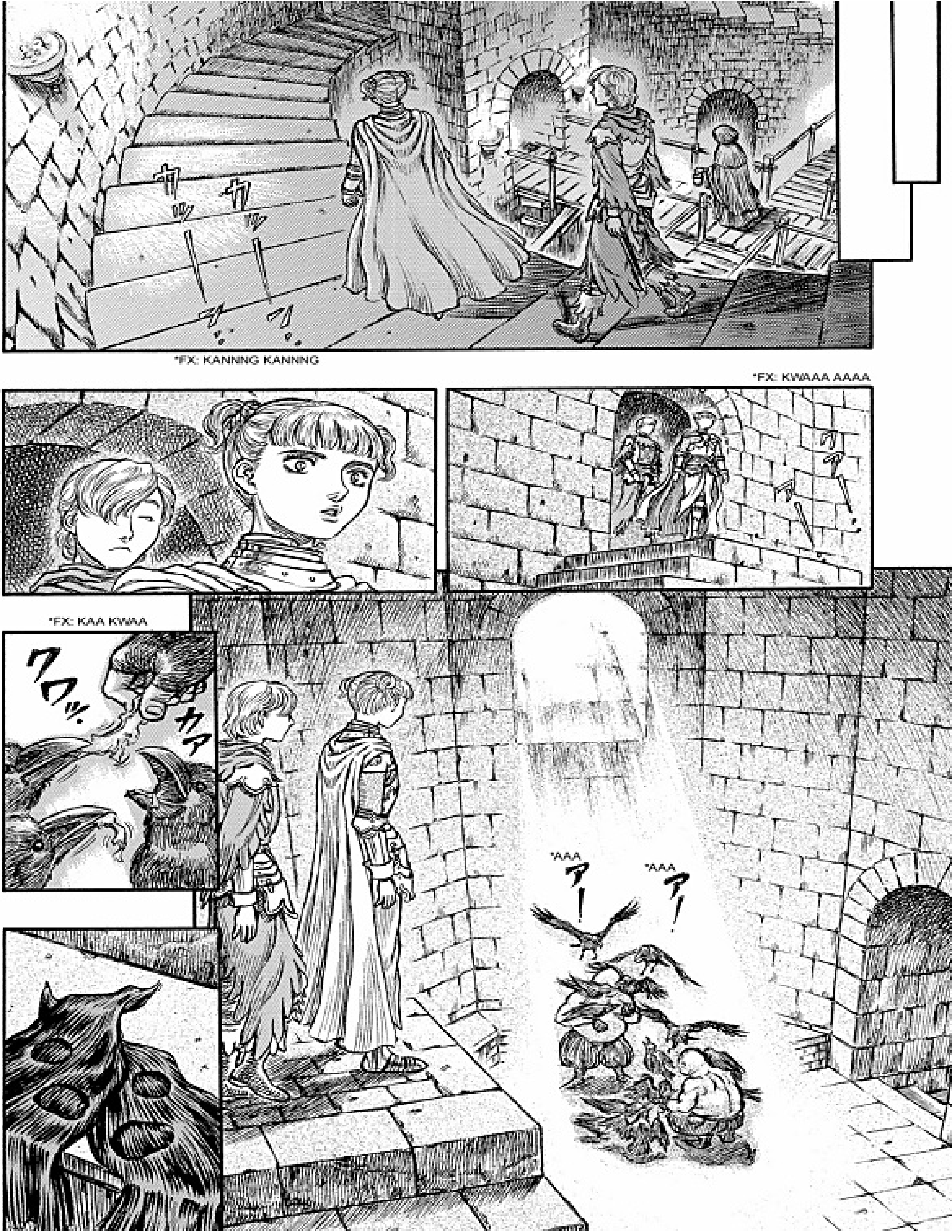

*FX: THUD
*FX: WHUMP
*FX: ZZMM
*FX: OOO
*WHFF


WHAT'S WRONG, ELAINE?
WHOA ...
OOOOO...
AHHH!
COME ON...
LET'S GO. IT'S GETTING DARK.
AHHH!
... ... ?
AHHH!
......


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*OHHHHH
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*HOHHHH
*FX: KCHULP
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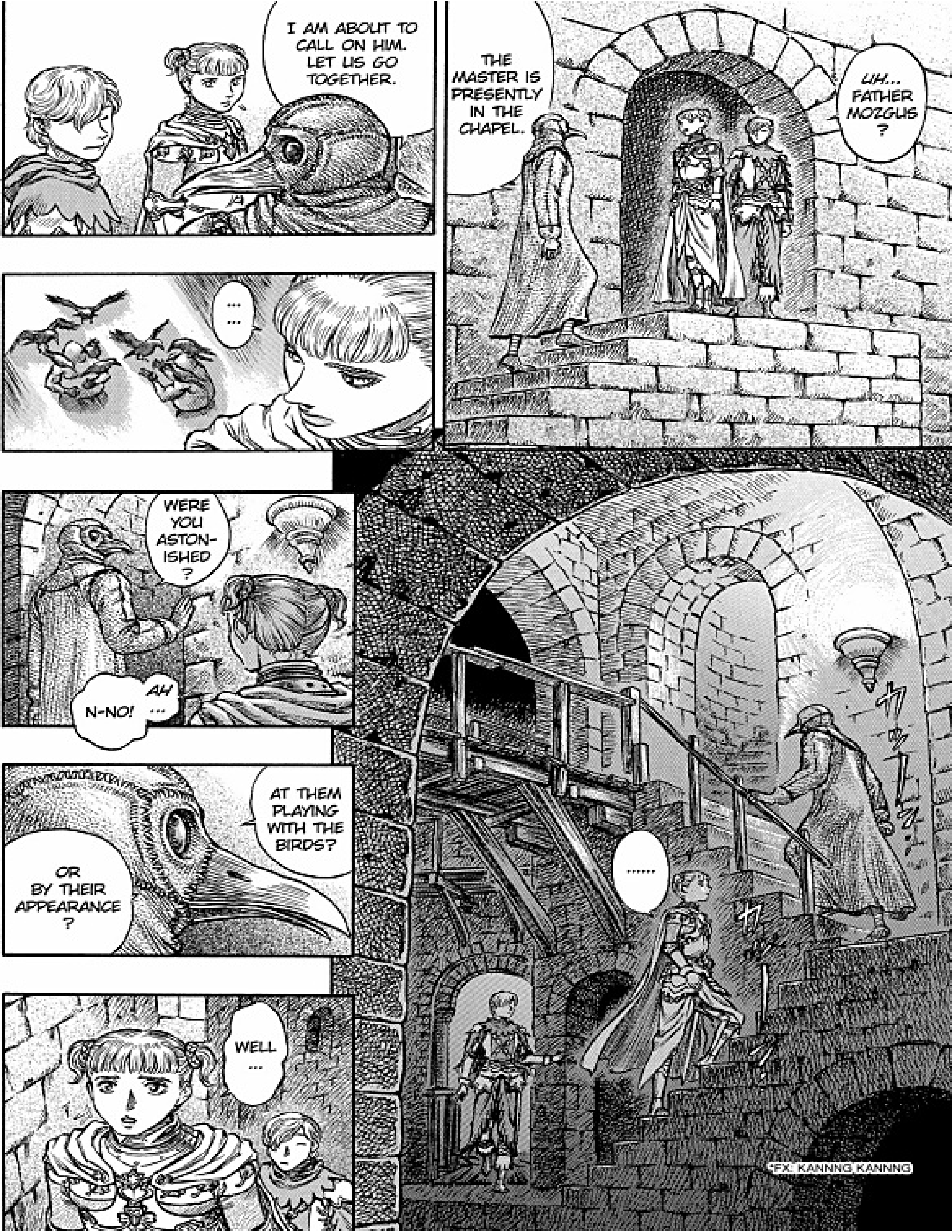

*FX: CLANG
THIS SOURS THE WINE.
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*FX: GYAHHH AHHH
I THOUGHT OUR TASK WAS JUST TO GUARD HIM.
WHY DO THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS HAVE TO HELP OUT THIS MOZGUS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
NOW WE'RE PRACTICALLY HIS PERSONAL ARMY.
DO WE HAVE TO TOLERATE THAT DAMNED SCREAMING DURING DINNERTIME?
*EEEEE
FOR GOD'S SAKE.
*GYAHH
OUR COMMANDER...?
WHAT'S SHE THINKING ...?
H-HEY...
TALK ABOUT A PRAISE-WORTHY HEART OF FAITH.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE SHE'S TRYING TO SCORE POINTS WITH THIS MOZGUS...


OR MAYBE IT'S HER WOMAN'S HEART...
SHH! SHE HEARS YOU.
*GRIND
OH MY...
I APOLOGIZE.
PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL!
WHOA!
*FX: CLASHANNG
WHY'S A DOLT LIKE HIM A HERALD OF ARMS?
BECAUSE HE WAGS HIS TAIL AND LICKS HER BOOTS LIKE THAT.
DON'T WASTE FOOD.
I'M SORRY.
EVEN SO...
...THEY'VE INCREASED AGAIN.
WHO HAS?
THE REFUGEES.
SOMETIMES IT SCARES ME.
IT'S LIKE... I GET THE FEELING THAT ALBION IS BEING BESIEGED BY THESE REFUGEES DAY AFTER DAY.
WHATEVER.
......



*FX: KANNNG KANNNG
*FX: KWAAA AAAA
*FX: KAA KWAA
*AAA
*AAA

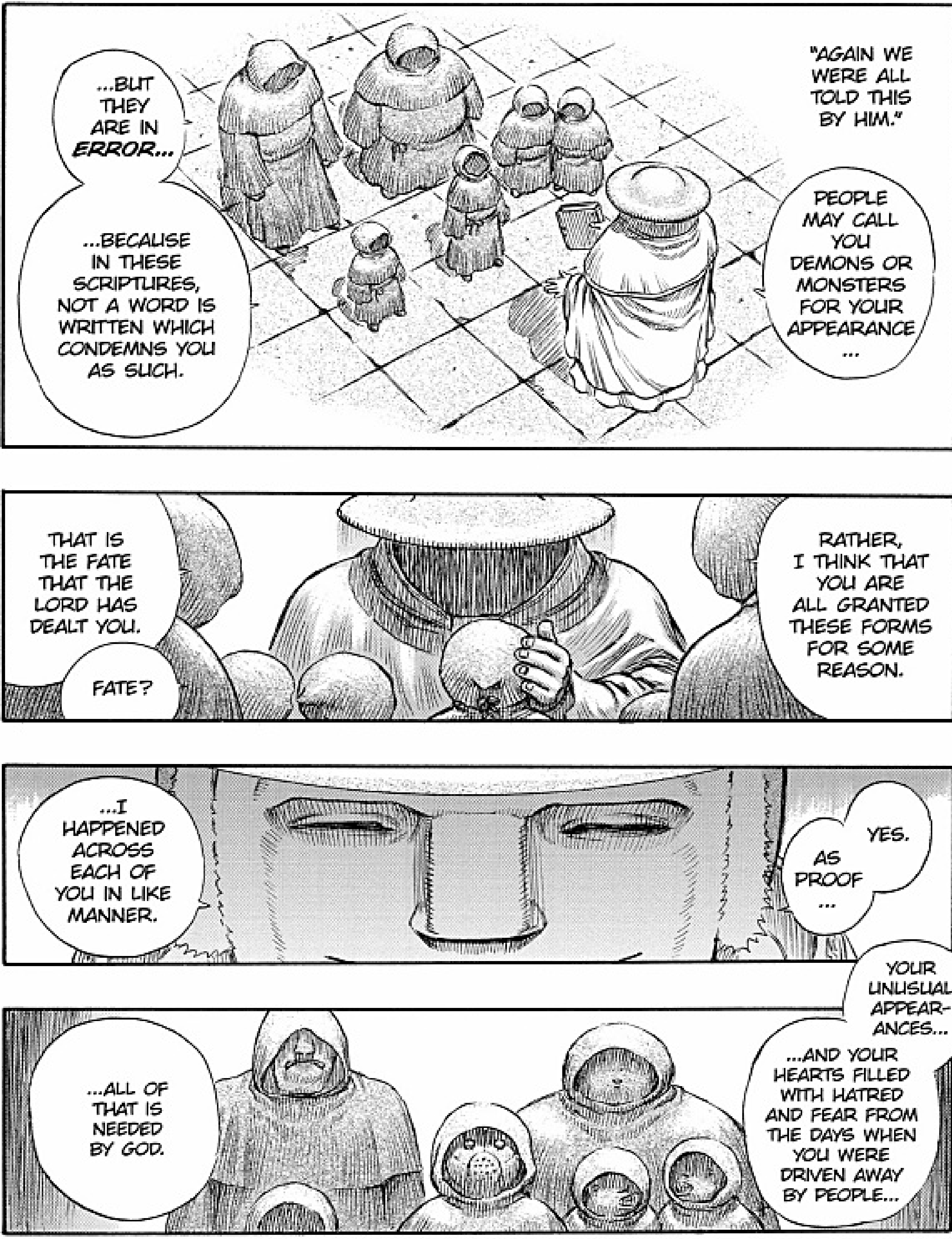

KAA! KAA!
*FX: KWAAA
*HSSS HSSS
......
*FX: SHFF SHFF
YES?

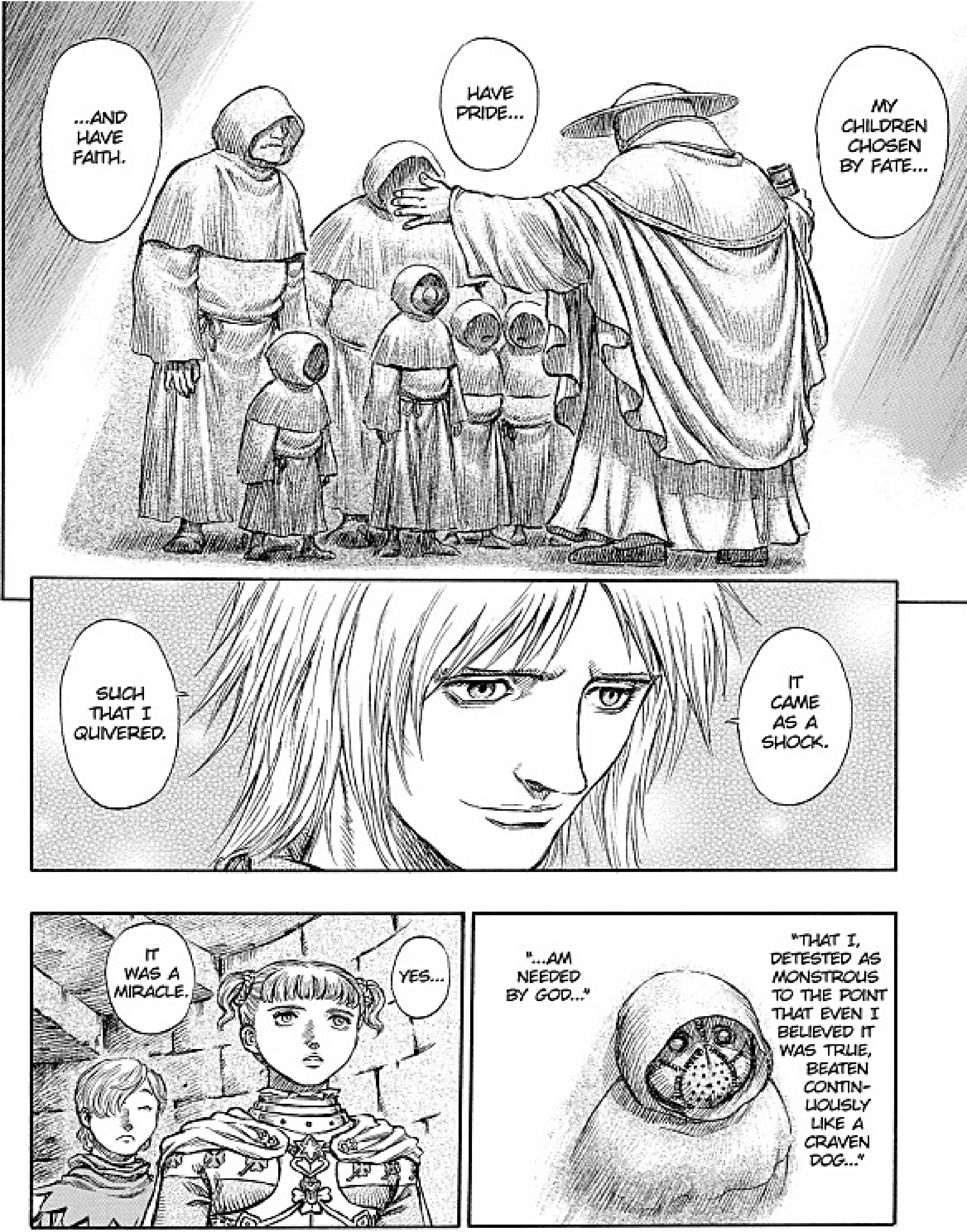


UH... FATHER MOZGUS ?
THE MASTER IS PRESENTLY IN THE CHAPEL.
I AM ABOUT TO CALL ON HIM. LET US GO TOGETHER.
... ...
WERE YOU ASTON-ISHED ?
AH ...
N-NO!
AT THEM PLAYING WITH THE BIRDS?
OR BY THEIR APPEARANCE ?
WELL ...
......
*FX: KANNNG KANNNG


THEY ARE GOOD-NATURED.
"WE HAVE BEEN CHASED FROM VILLAGES AND TOWNS, SOLD TO CIRCUSES, AND SOME AMONG US HAVE LIVED SECRETLY IN FORESTS, LOATHED AS MONSTERS."
"WE HAVE EACH BEEN CRUELLY PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF OUR APPEARANCE."
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*FX: TSSS
PLEASE OBSERVE.
HE SEEMS HANDSOME ENOUGH.

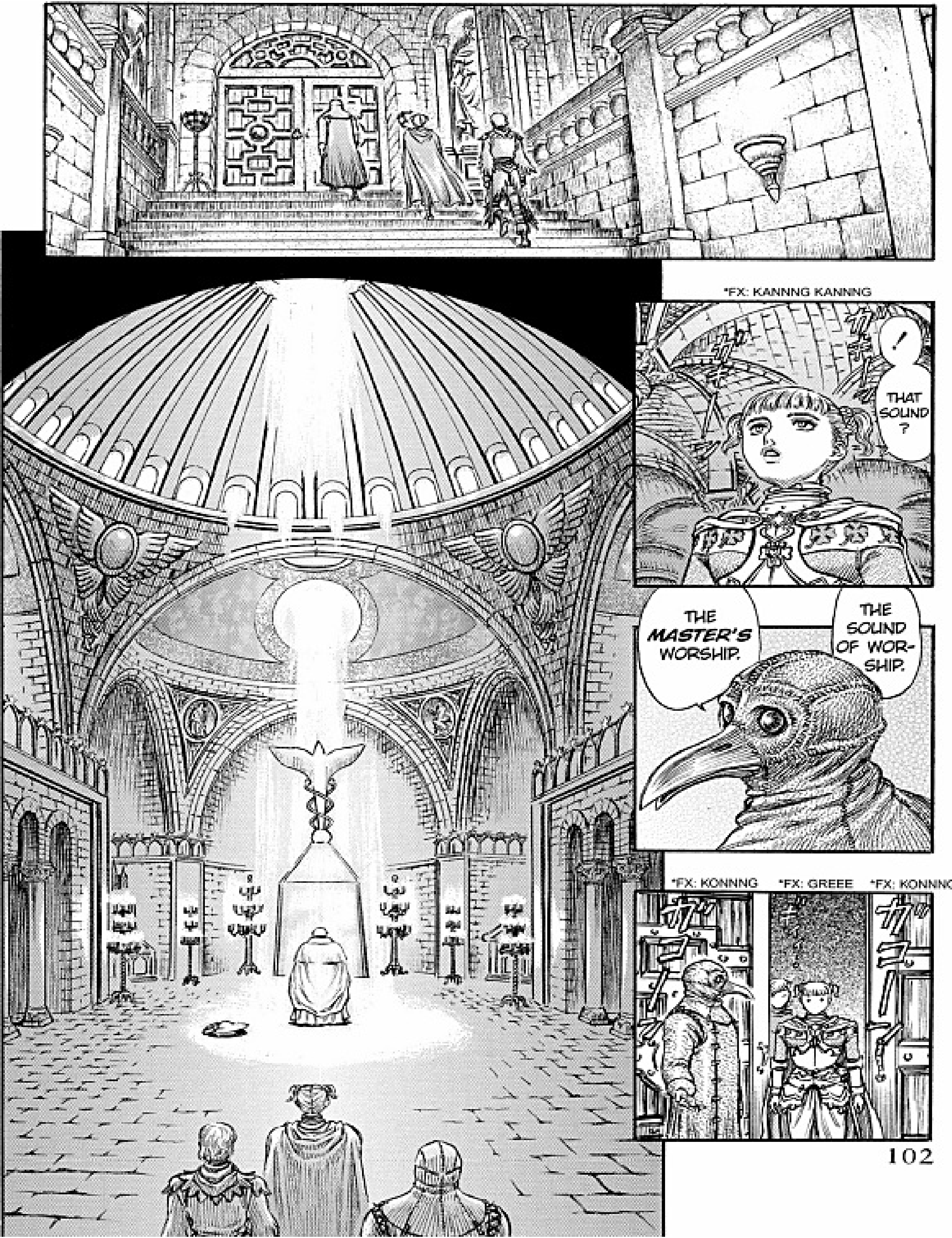

"I WAS DRIVEN FROM MY VILLAGE AND THE WORLD OF MEN..."
"...TO A PLACE WHERE MY BURNED, RACKED BODY WOULD BE SEEN BY NONE."
"CURSING THIS WORLD, I SOUGHT TO ROT AWAY, ALONE WITHIN THE HOLLOW OF A TREE BY THE WAYSIDE."
I HAVE HAD THIS AILMENT SINCE BIRTH. WHEN IN CONTACT WITH SUNLIGHT, MY SKIN BECOMES INFLAMED AS IF IT HAD BEEN SCALDED...
MY CONSTITUTION IS ALSO WEAK, AND WITHOUT THIS MASK I WOULD MOST LIKELY SUCCUMB TO CONTAGION WITHIN THREE DAYS.
"IT WAS THEN THAT I HAPPENED TO MEET FATHER MOZGUS."
"...SAID THE MASTER AS HE COVERED ME WITH HIS ROBE AND AFFECTIONATELY BLOCKED THE LIGHT OF THE SUN."
LORD GOD...
...I GIVE THANKS FOR THIS FATED ENCOUNTER.


"AGAIN WE WERE ALL TOLD THIS BY HIM."
PEOPLE MAY CALL YOU DEMONS OR MONSTERS FOR YOUR APPEARANCE ...
...BUT THEY ARE IN *ERROR...*
...BECAUSE IN THESE SCRIPTURES, NOT A WORD IS WRITTEN WHICH CONDEMNS YOU AS SUCH.
RATHER, I THINK THAT YOU ARE ALL GRANTED THESE FORMS FOR SOME REASON.
THAT IS THE FATE THAT THE LORD HAS DEALT YOU.
FATE?
YES.
AS PROOF ...
...I HAPPENED ACROSS EACH OF YOU IN LIKE MANNER.
YOUR UNUSUAL APPEAR-ANCES...
...AND YOUR HEARTS FILLED WITH HATRED AND FEAR FROM THE DAYS WHEN YOU WERE DRIVEN AWAY BY PEOPLE...
...ALL OF THAT IS NEEDED BY GOD.


MY CHILDREN CHOSEN BY FATE...
HAVE PRIDE...
...AND HAVE FAITH.
IT CAME AS A SHOCK.
SUCH THAT I QUIVERED.
"THAT I, DETESTED AS MONSTROUS TO THE POINT THAT EVEN I BELIEVED IT WAS TRUE, BEATEN CONTIN-UOUSLY LIKE A CRAVEN DOG..."
"...AM NEEDED BY GOD..."
YES...
IT WAS A MIRACLE.



NEITHER CAN I COME TO ENJOY HURTING PEOPLE.
I FEEL AS IF I REALLY *HAVE* BECOME A MONSTER...
I DO NOT ENJOY THIS WORK.
I AM SHUNNED, HATED, AND FEARED.
WELL...
...PERHAPS I COULD NOT DO THESE THINGS TO PEOPLE IF I WERE NOT SUCH...
HOW-EVER...
...EVEN SO, I DO HAVE PRIDE...
...BECAUSE THIS IS THE HOLY POST...
...GRANTED TO ME BY GOD AND RECORDED BY THE HOLY SEE IN SCRIPTURE...
....


*FX: KANNNG KANNNG
!
THAT SOUND ?
THE SOUND OF WOR-SHIP.
THE *MASTER'S* WORSHIP.
*FX: KONNNG
*FX: GREEE
*FX: KONNNG


*FX: KONG
*FX: GONNNG
*WHOOMP

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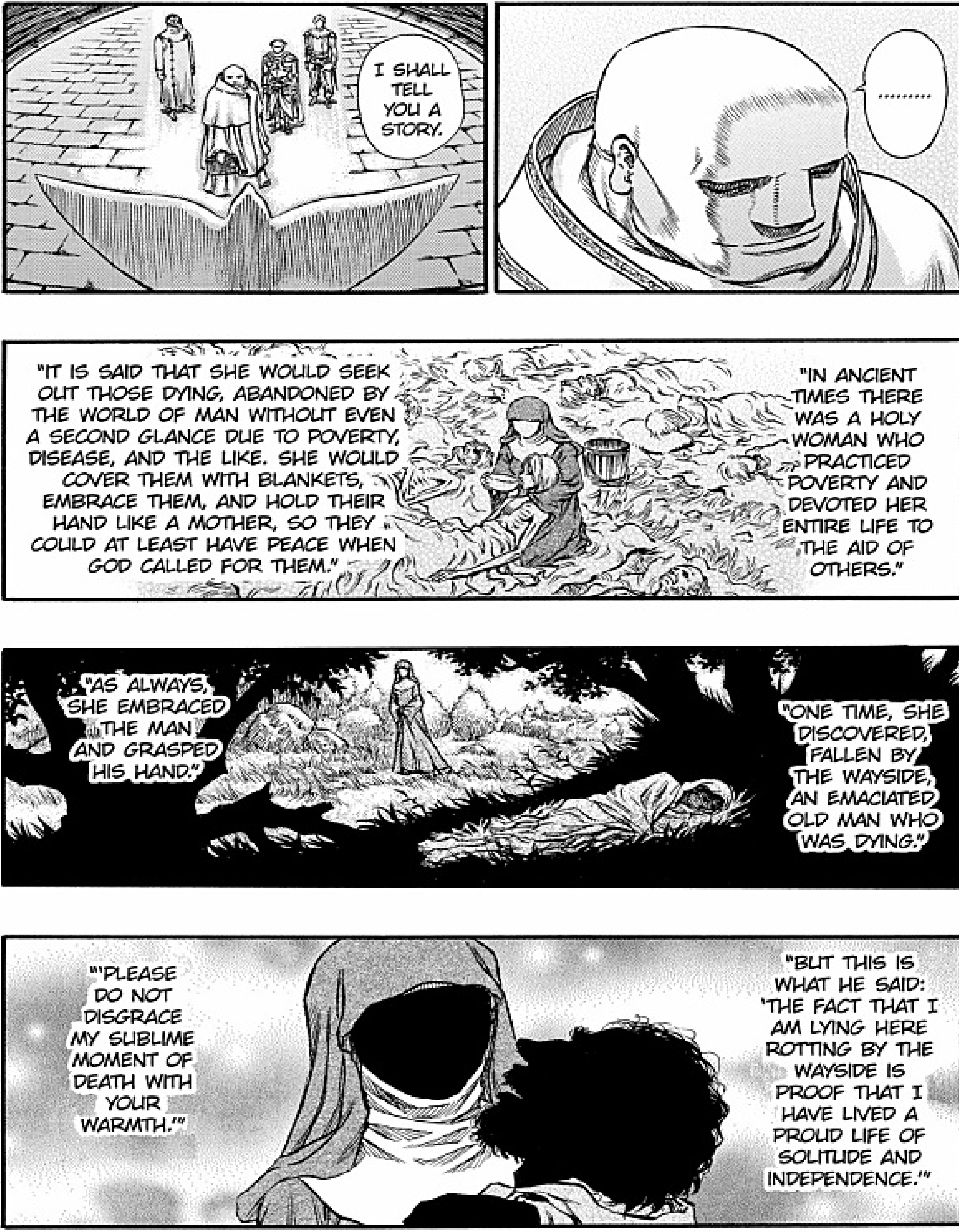

*FX: KROCK
*WHOOMP
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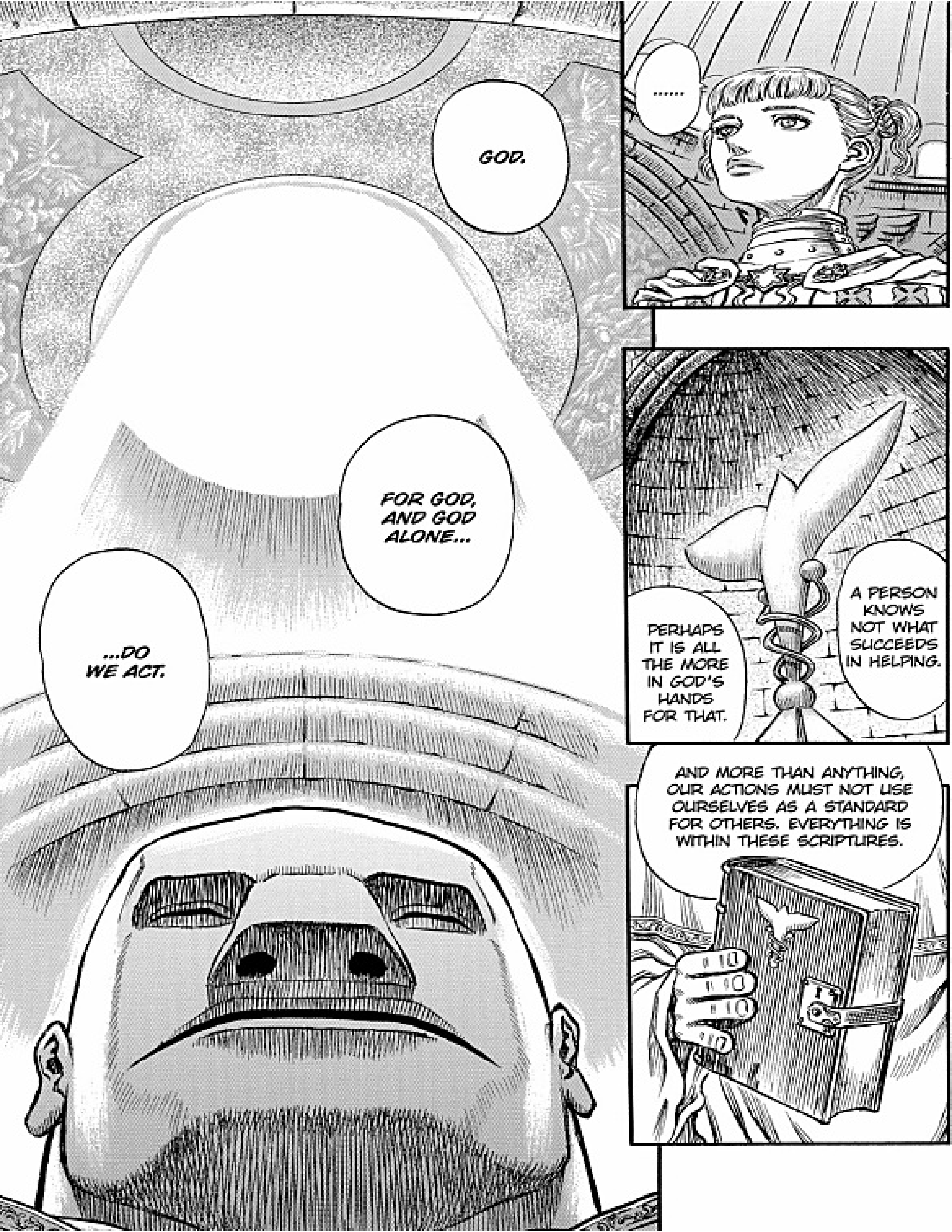

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*FX: WHOOMP
*FX: KRACK
*FX: WHOOMP
*FX: GONNG
FATHER MOZGUS REPEATS IT MORNING...
...AND NIGHT, A THOUSAND TIMES A DAY.
IT IS PROSTRATION.
WHAT ...?
AS FAR AS I KNOW, IN THE PAST TEN YEARS FATHER MOZGUS HAS NOT MISSED ONE DAY...
...OF THROWING HIMSELF DOWN IN PRAYER TO GOD.


*FX: ("sound" of coming to rest)
FATHER MOZGUS.
AH, MISS FARNESE.
HE SEEMS TO HAVE FINISHED.
......
SO THIS IS THE SECRET BEHIND THAT FACE.
*FX: SFF
IT'S SAID THAT A SAGE ONCE IMPRISONED IN THIS TOWER BY SUPREME KING GAISERIC...
...CONTINUED TO PROCLAIM THE SINS OF THE KING TO GOD, IN THE MIDST OF EVERY POSSIBLE TORTURE, UNTIL IN TIME AN ANGEL WAS MADE TO DESCEND.
SURELY THIS HOLY GROUND HAS MIRACULOUS VIRTUE.
IT MUST ALSO FILL WORSHIP WITH POWER.
FATHER, YOU ARE BLEEDING ...
AHH.
I FAILED TO NOTICE, AS I CAN HARDLY FEEL MY LEGS.
PLEASE PARDON ME.
......
THANK YOU.

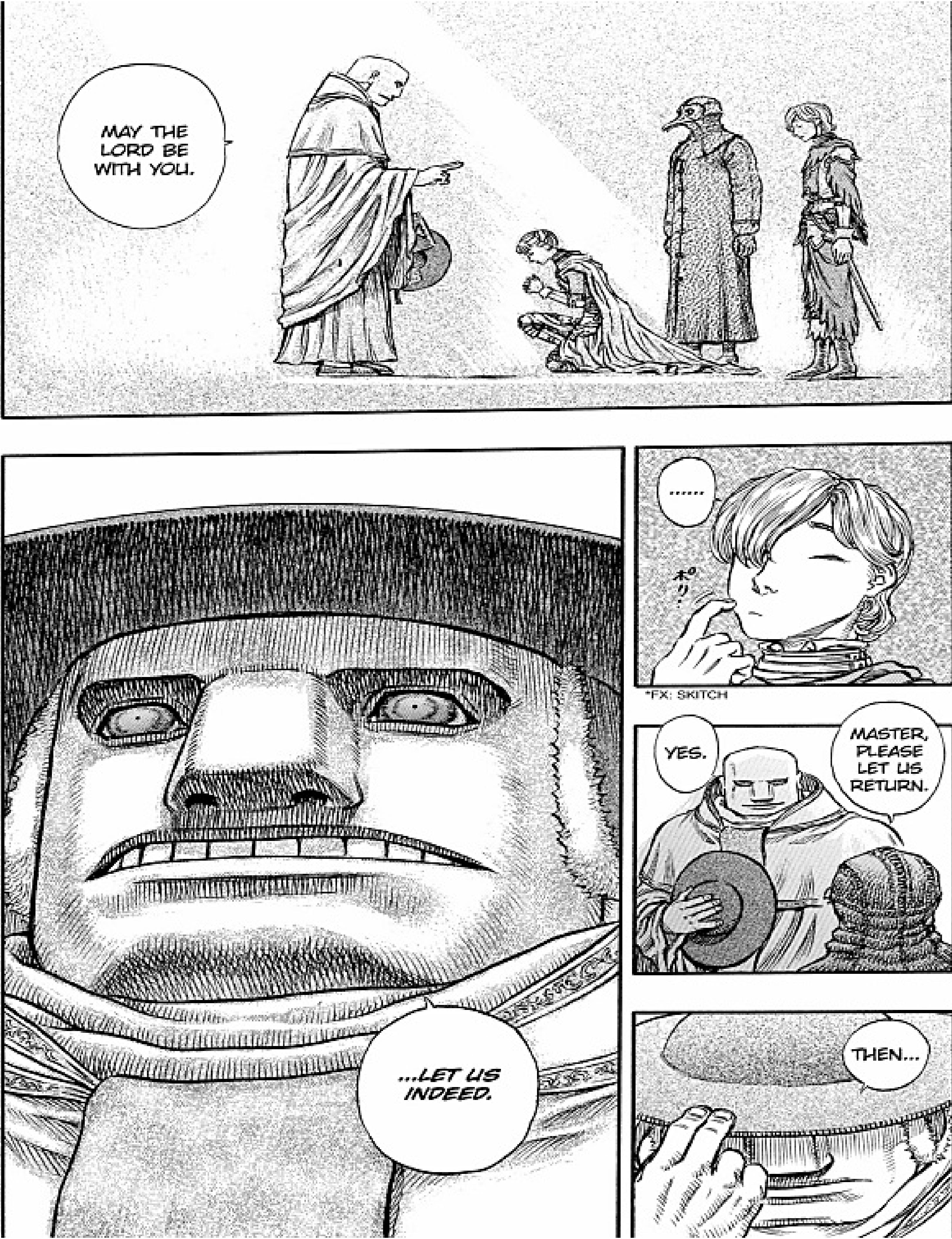

IN A SHORT TIME THE SENSATION WILL RETURN, ALONG WITH THE PAIN.
THANKS TO THESE INJURIES, I CAN BARELY WALK... RUNNING IS ALREADY BEYOND ME.
BUT I HOLD THIS PAIN...
...DEAR TO ME.
MY SACRED DUTY IS TO ENFORCE THE *STRICT* LAWS OF GOD. SADLY, THIS ALSO MEANS THAT I MUST BRING MUCH PAIN TO OTHERS.
OF COURSE, I FEEL NO GUILT.
BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES WHEN ONE CHOOSES TO LIVE BY VOCATION...
...ONE BECOMES NEGLIGENT OF HIS PERSONAL LIFE.
ALL THE MORE SO FOR ONE IN A POSITION SUCH AS MINE.
TO ME THESE WOUNDS ARE PRECEPTS--EVIDENCE OF FAITH.
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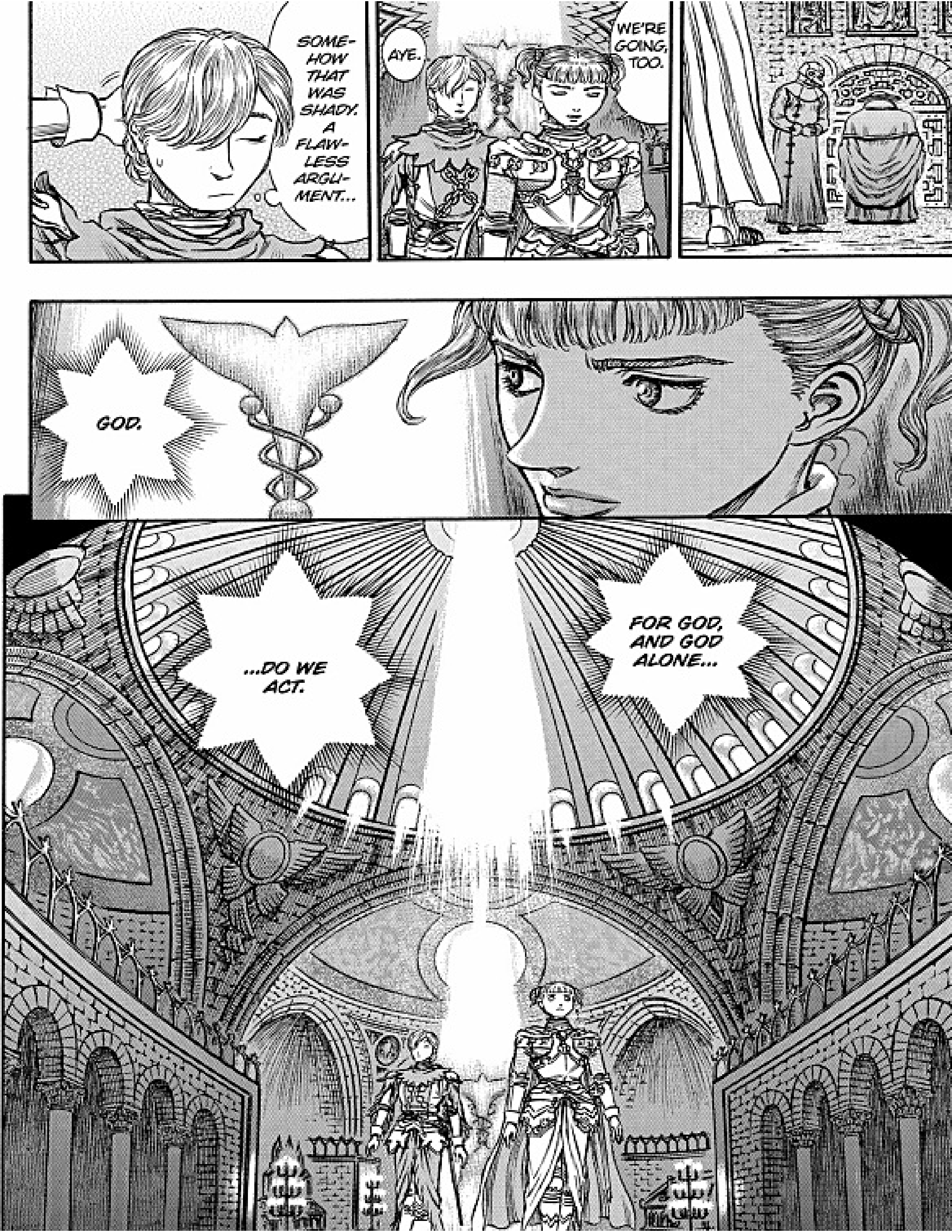

DOES SOME-THING TROUBLE YOU?
EH ...?
WOULD YOU SEE FIT TO CONFESS TO ME?
I COULD ASK THE OTHERS TO LEAVE ...
NO, THAT IS NOT NECESSARY.
WOULD YOU...
...PLEASE HEAR ME OUT?
EVEN THOUGH WE ARREST MANY SUSPECTS ...
...THERE IS NO INDICATION AT ALL THAT THE PRIEST MURDERS WILL CEASE.
THE REPORTS SAY THE REFUGEE ATTITUDE TOWARDS US GROWS MALICIOUS...
...AND THAT IS NOT ALL.
I AM ASHAMED OF IT, BUT THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW EVEN AMONG MY HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST OUR DUTY.
PLEASE LAUGH AT THE NONSENSE OF MY INEXPE-RIENCE...
...BUT...
...AT THIS RATE, I WONDER IF ALL WE ARE DOING IS USELESSLY SPREADING FEAR AND IMPOVERISHING PEOPLES' SPIRITS...
I...
...DO NOT UNDER-STAND.
CAN PEOPLE...
...REALLY BE SAVED THROUGH THIS TASK?


....
I SHALL TELL YOU A STORY.
"IN ANCIENT TIMES THERE WAS A HOLY WOMAN WHO PRACTICED POVERTY AND DEVOTED HER ENTIRE LIFE TO THE AID OF OTHERS."
"IT IS SAID THAT SHE WOULD SEEK OUT THOSE DYING, ABANDONED BY THE WORLD OF MAN WITHOUT EVEN A SECOND GLANCE DUE TO POVERTY, DISEASE, AND THE LIKE. SHE WOULD COVER THEM WITH BLANKETS, EMBRACE THEM, AND HOLD THEIR HAND LIKE A MOTHER, SO THEY COULD AT LEAST HAVE PEACE WHEN GOD CALLED FOR THEM."
"ONE TIME, SHE DISCOVERED, FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE, AN EMACIATED OLD MAN WHO WAS DYING."
"AS ALWAYS, SHE EMBRACED THE MAN AND GRASPED HIS HAND."
"BUT THIS IS WHAT HE SAID: 'THE FACT THAT I AM LYING HERE ROTTING BY THE WAYSIDE IS PROOF THAT I HAVE LIVED A PROUD LIFE OF SOLITUDE AND INDEPENDENCE.'"
"'PLEASE DO NOT DISGRACE MY SUBLIME MOMENT OF DEATH WITH YOUR WARMTH.'"


......
A PERSON KNOWS NOT WHAT SUCCEEDS IN HELPING.
PERHAPS IT IS ALL THE MORE IN GOD'S HANDS FOR THAT.
AND MORE THAN ANYTHING, OUR ACTIONS MUST NOT USE OURSELVES AS A STANDARD FOR OTHERS. EVERYTHING IS WITHIN THESE SCRIPTURES.
GOD.
FOR GOD, AND GOD ALONE...
...DO WE ACT.


THOU SHALT NOT DEPLORE DISTRESSING DUTIES.
THOU SHALT NOT DEPLORE THE PEOPLE'S MISUNDER-STANDINGS.
THOU SHALT NOT FEAR THINE OWN DEATH, NOR THE DEATHS OF OTHERS.
THOU SHALT NOT SEEK RETRIBUTION FOR THINE ACTIONS.
THOU SHALT NOT QUESTION GOD.
WHATEVER BLOOD WE SPILL IN SPIRIT OR FLESH...
...AS MAN WE CONTINUE TO EXIST DEVOUTLY FOR GOD.
THAT IS WHAT *FAITH* IS ABOUT.

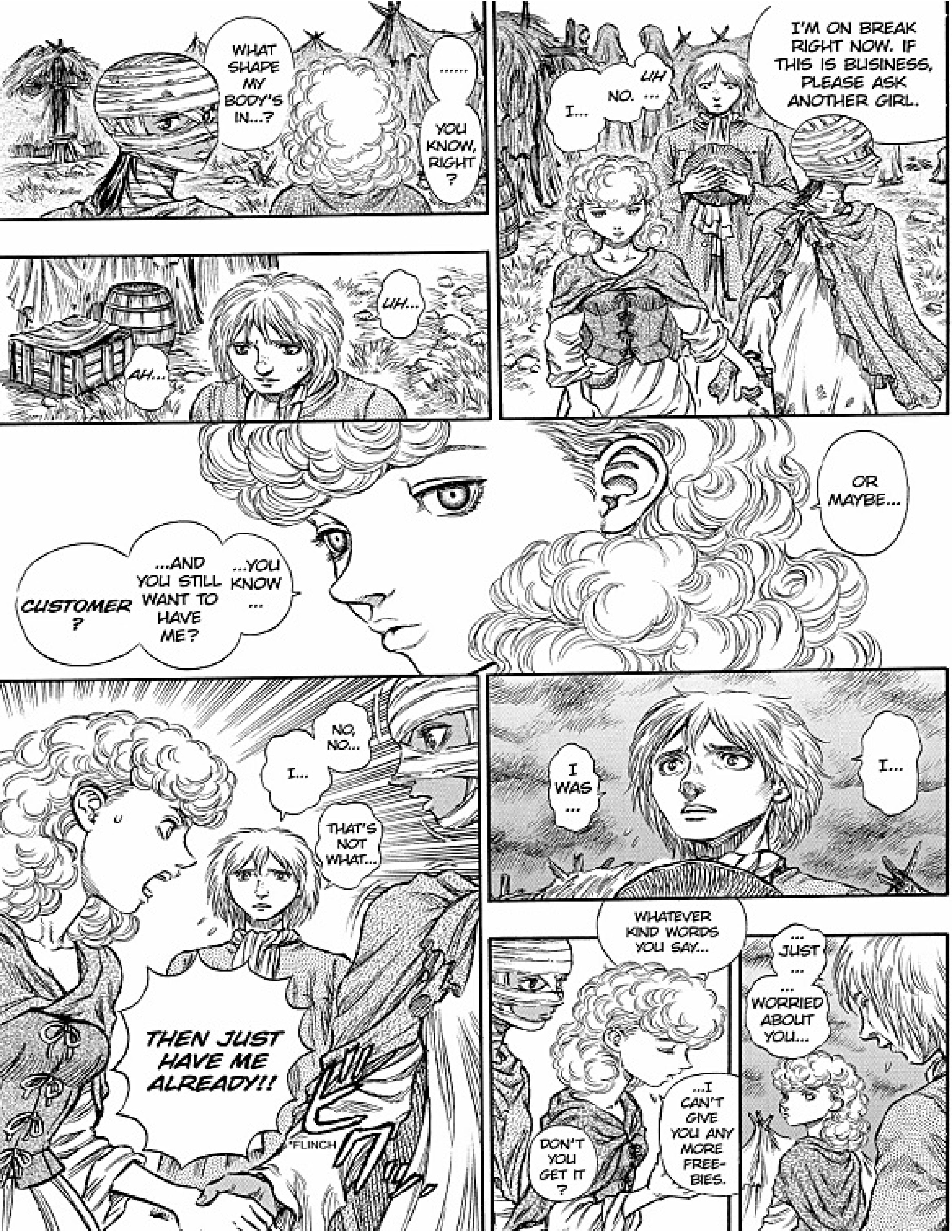

MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
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ポリ
*FX: SKITCH
MASTER, PLEASE LET US RETURN.
YES.
THEN...
...LET US INDEED.


SOME-HOW THAT WAS SHADY. A FLAWLESS ARGUMENT...
AYE.
WE'RE GOING, TOO.
GOD.
FOR GOD, AND GOD ALONE...
...DO WE ACT.

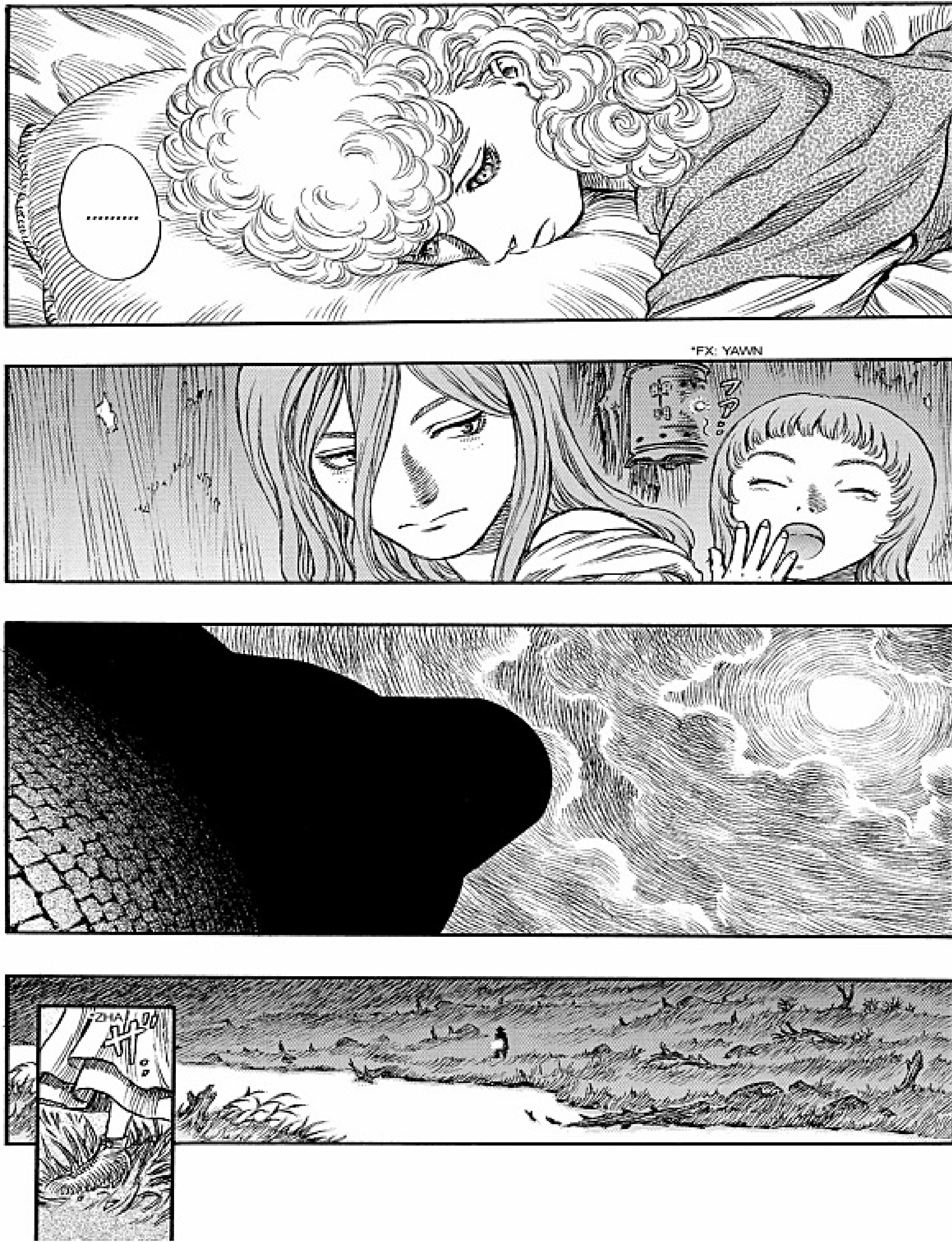

HERE, OLD LADY...
THANK YOU ALWAYS, NINA.
*FX: GOFF
THANKS TO YOU, I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER THESE DAYS.
I'M GLAD. BUT DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
*WHEW
....



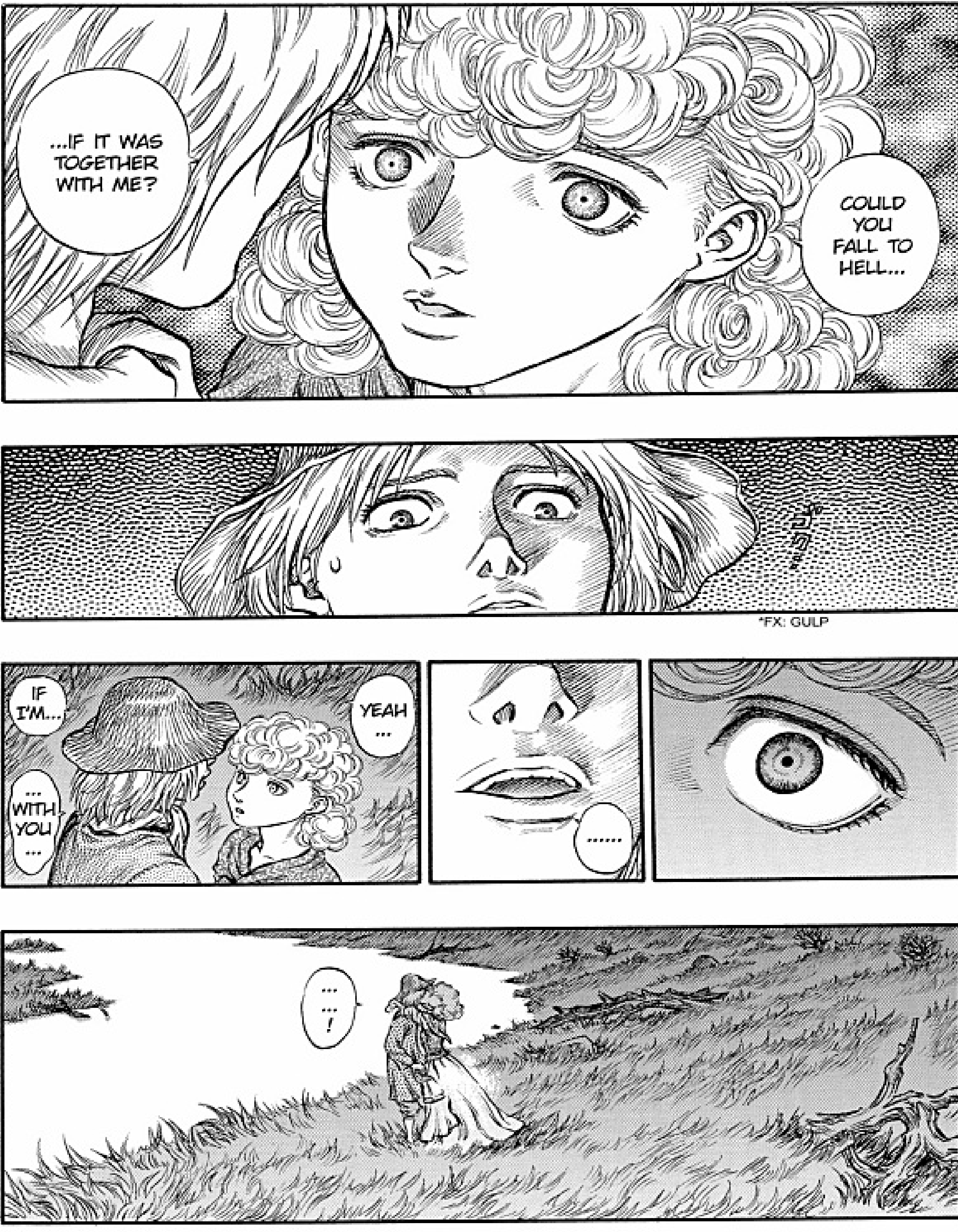
*FX: BLACH BLACH


WHAT SHAPE MY BODY'S IN...?
......
YOU KNOW, RIGHT?
UH...
AH...
I'M ON BREAK RIGHT NOW. IF THIS IS BUSINESS, PLEASE ASK ANOTHER GIRL.
UH NO. ...
I...
OR MAYBE...
...YOU KNOW ...
...AND YOU STILL WANT TO HAVE ME?
CUSTOMER?
NO, NO...
I...
THAT'S NOT WHAT...
THEN JUST HAVE ME ALREADY!!
*FLINCH
I...
I WAS ...
WHATEVER KIND WORDS YOU SAY...
...I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE FREE-BIES.
DON'T YOU GET IT?
... JUST ...
... WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

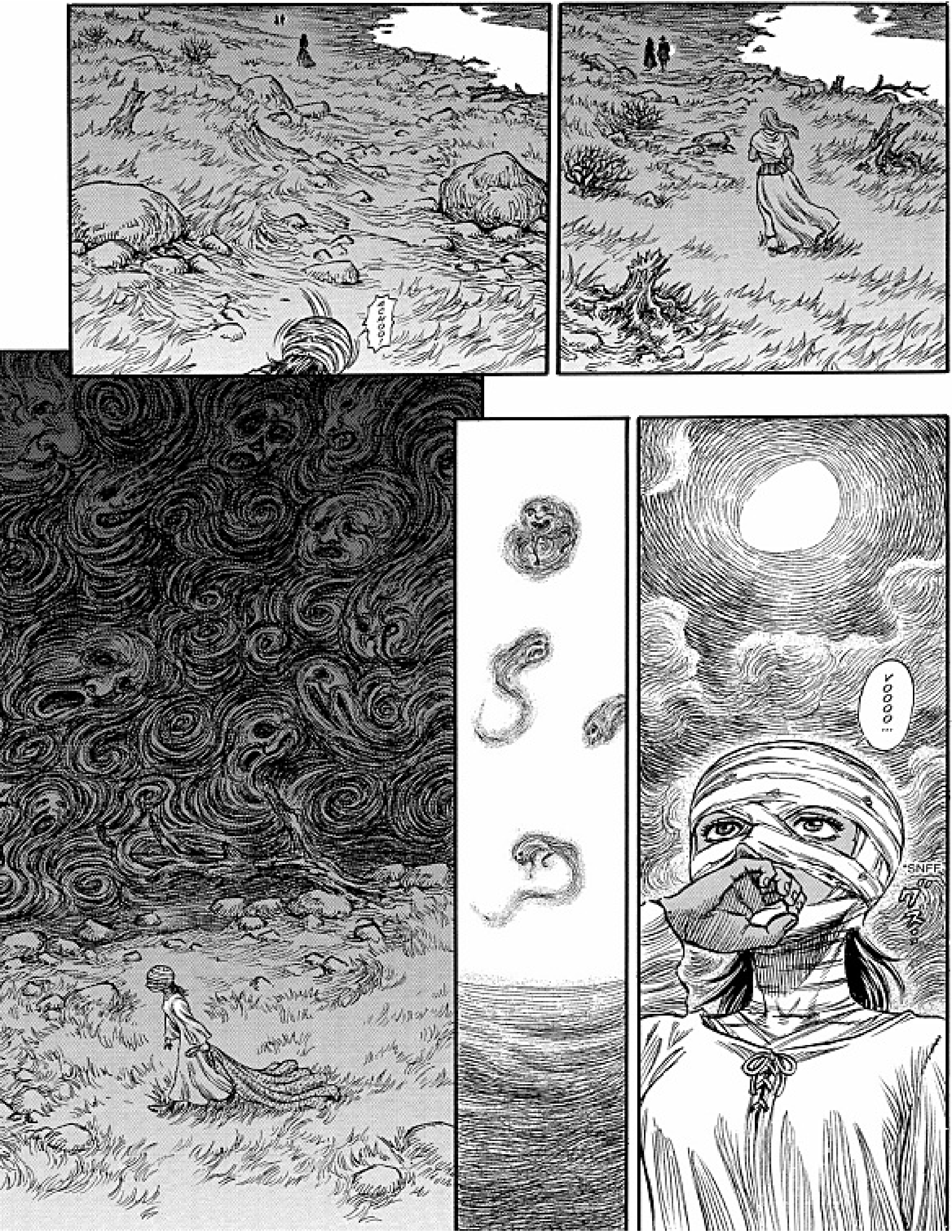

*BTHUMP
!
AH...
NO.
I...
IF YOU'RE REALLY BRAVE ENOUGH...
...COME TO THE RIVERSIDE TONIGHT WHEN THE MIDNIGHT BELL TOLLS.
......
VOOO!
*FX: FLAPA
WHAT'S UP, NINA?
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR SHOUTING...
*FX: POKE
*FX: BAFF
HEY, NINA?
IT'S *NOTHING* !


....
*FX: YAWN
*ZHA


YOU CAME.
ANSWER ME, JOACHIM.
!
NINA.
*HUG
DO YOU LOVE ME?
AH!
YEAH.
I DO...
*FX: ZHA ZHA
THEN...
...CAN YOU LIE WITH ME?
CAN YOU *DIE* WITH ME?

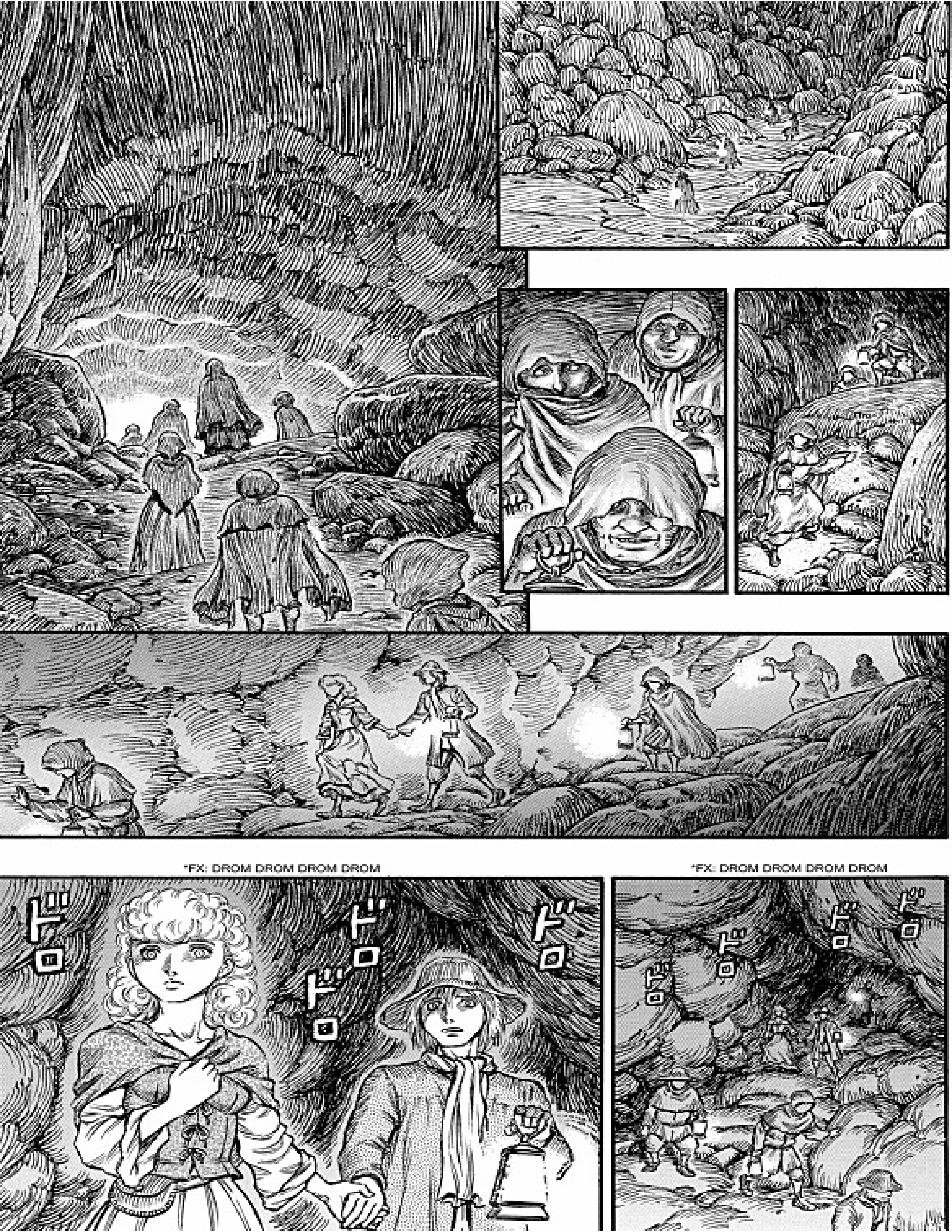

COULD YOU FALL TO HELL...
...IF IT WAS TOGETHER WITH ME?
*FX: GULP
......
YEAH...
IF I'M...
...WITH YOU...
...
...!

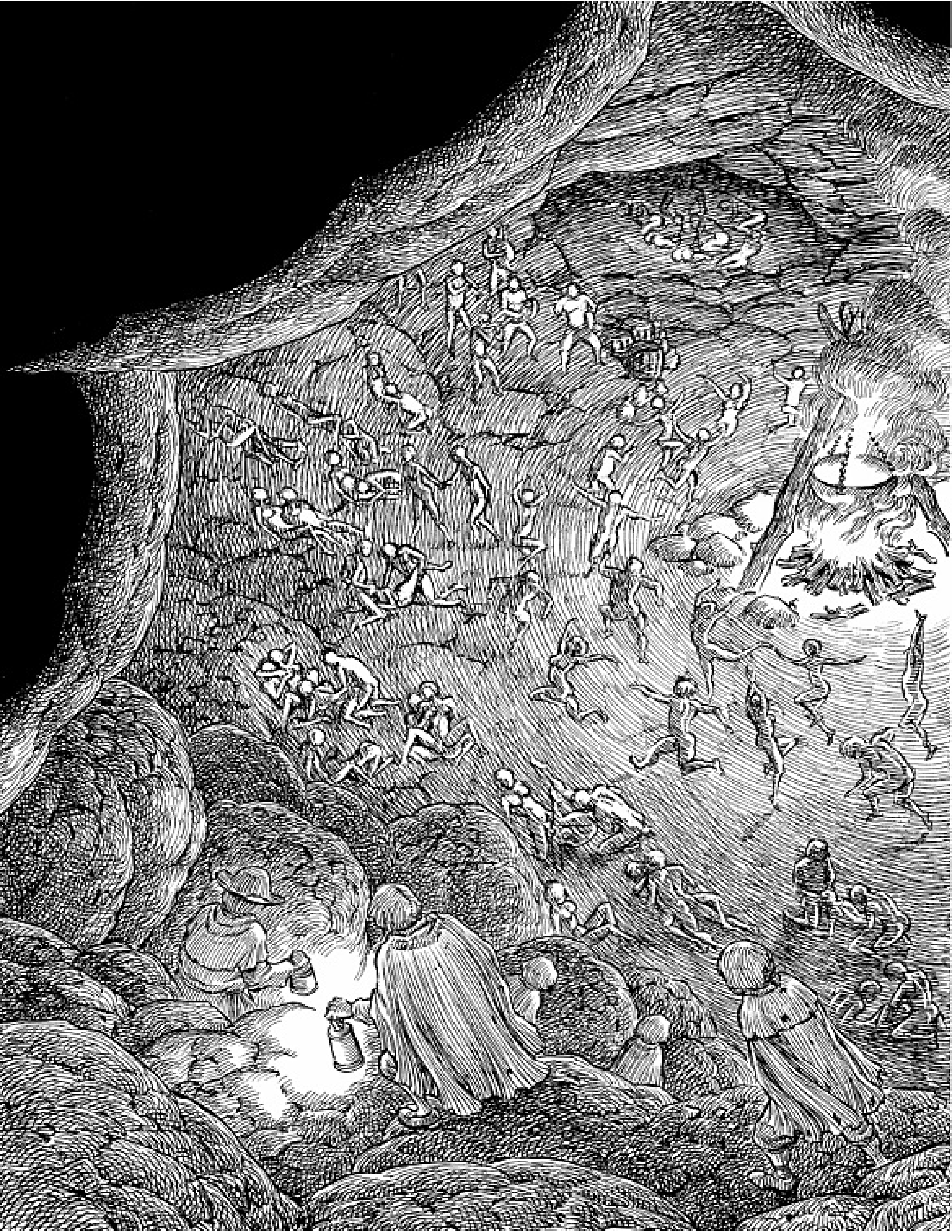

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WHERE
TO?
COME
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ME.
C'MON.
...
...
THAT'S
ON THE
HOUSE
...
THE
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THE
WORLD.
WHERE
SCARY GOD
ISN'T.
SHE
COULDN'T
BE...
THAT
GIRL.


ACHOO!
VOOOO!!!
*SNFF



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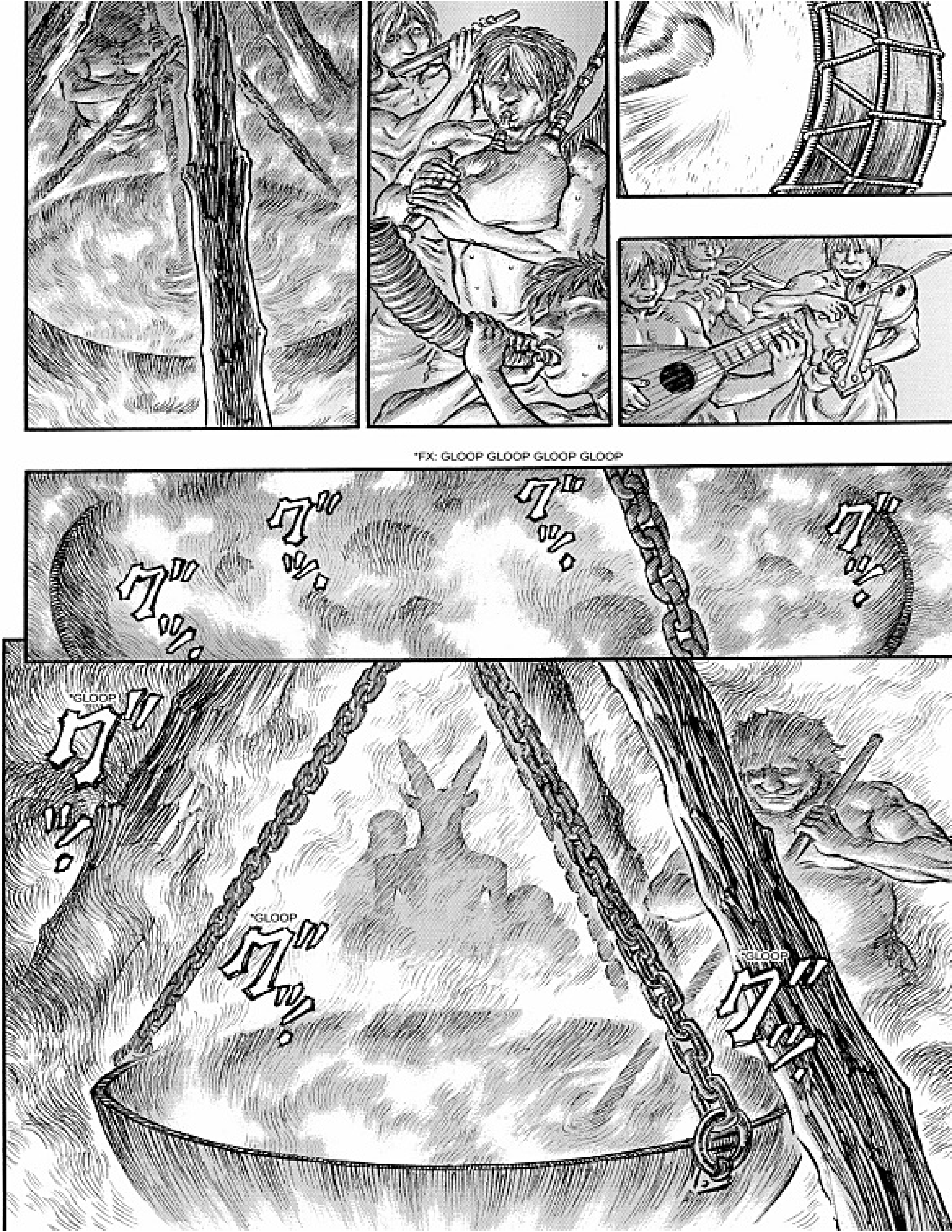

*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM
*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM
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...WITHOUT SHAPE, FREE FROM FEAR AND ANXIETY.
SUCH CERTAINLY EXISTED...
...KNOWN AS SIN.


HUMANS CANNOT BE BOUNDLESS...
BUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS CAVERN...
...WAS AN UNDULATION OF FLESH...

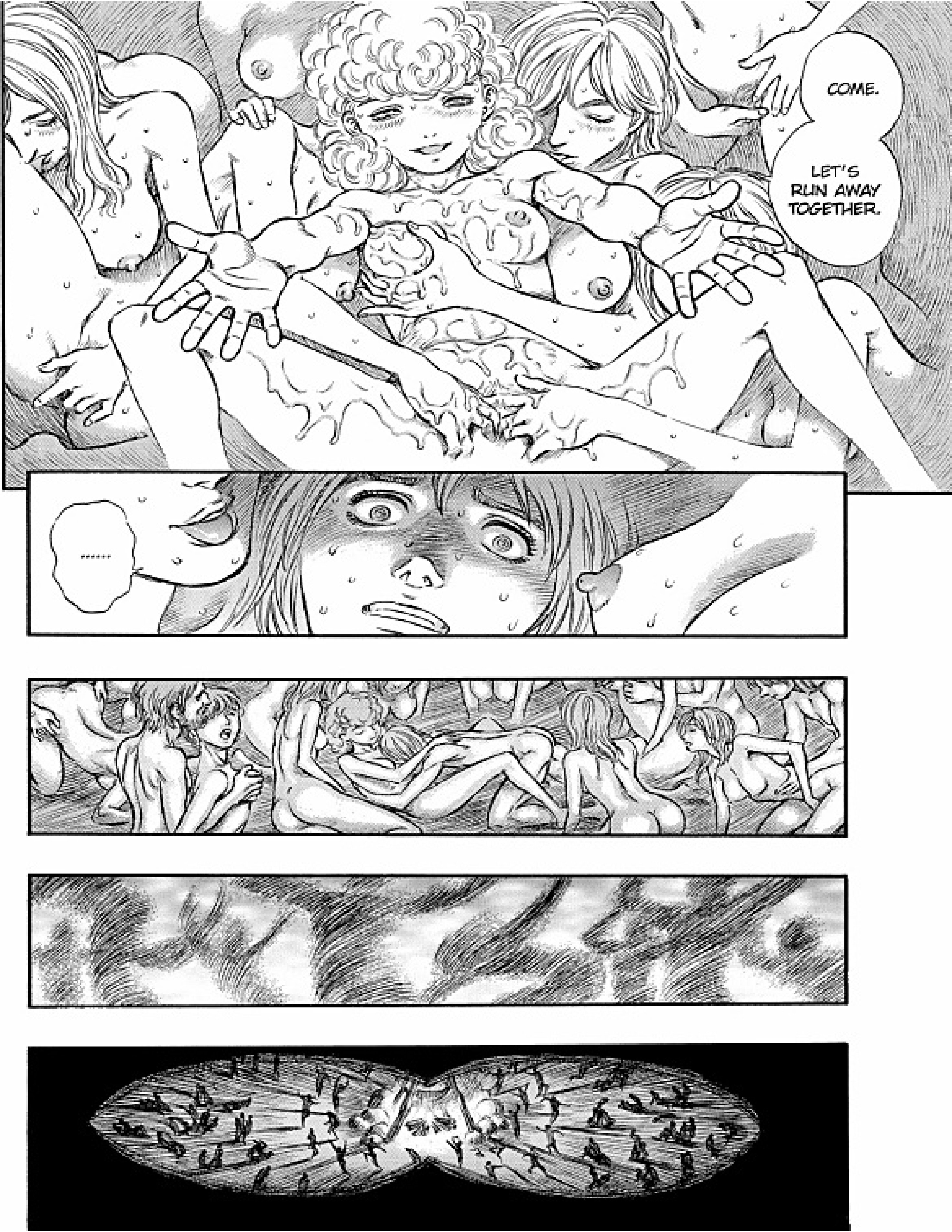

*FX: GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP
*GLOOP
*GLOOP
*GLOOP



ドロ
*DROM
ドロ
*DROM
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*DROM
ドロ
*DROM
AHH ...
C'MON.


LET'S GO DOWN.
SO SHE'S ...
*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM
NI--
NINA ...!

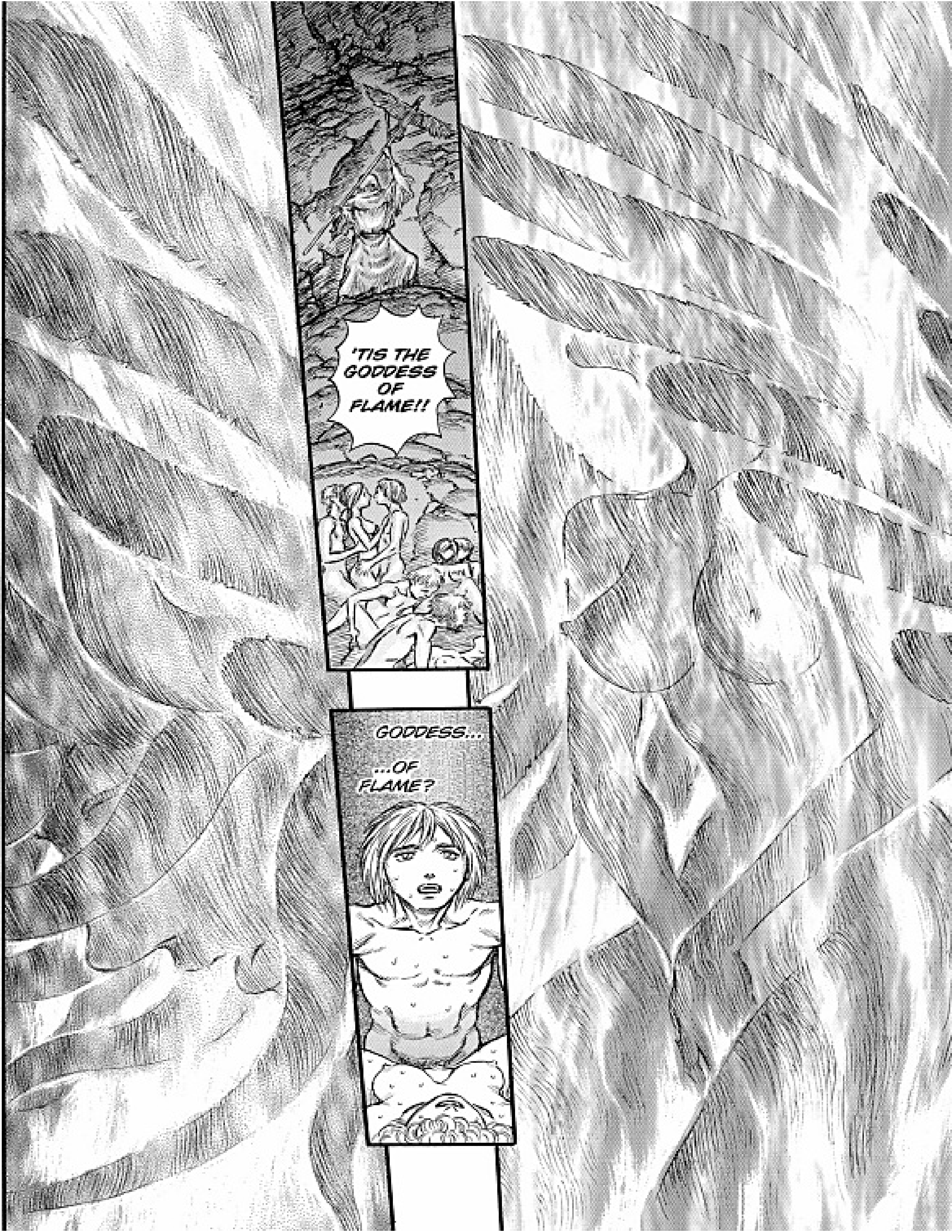


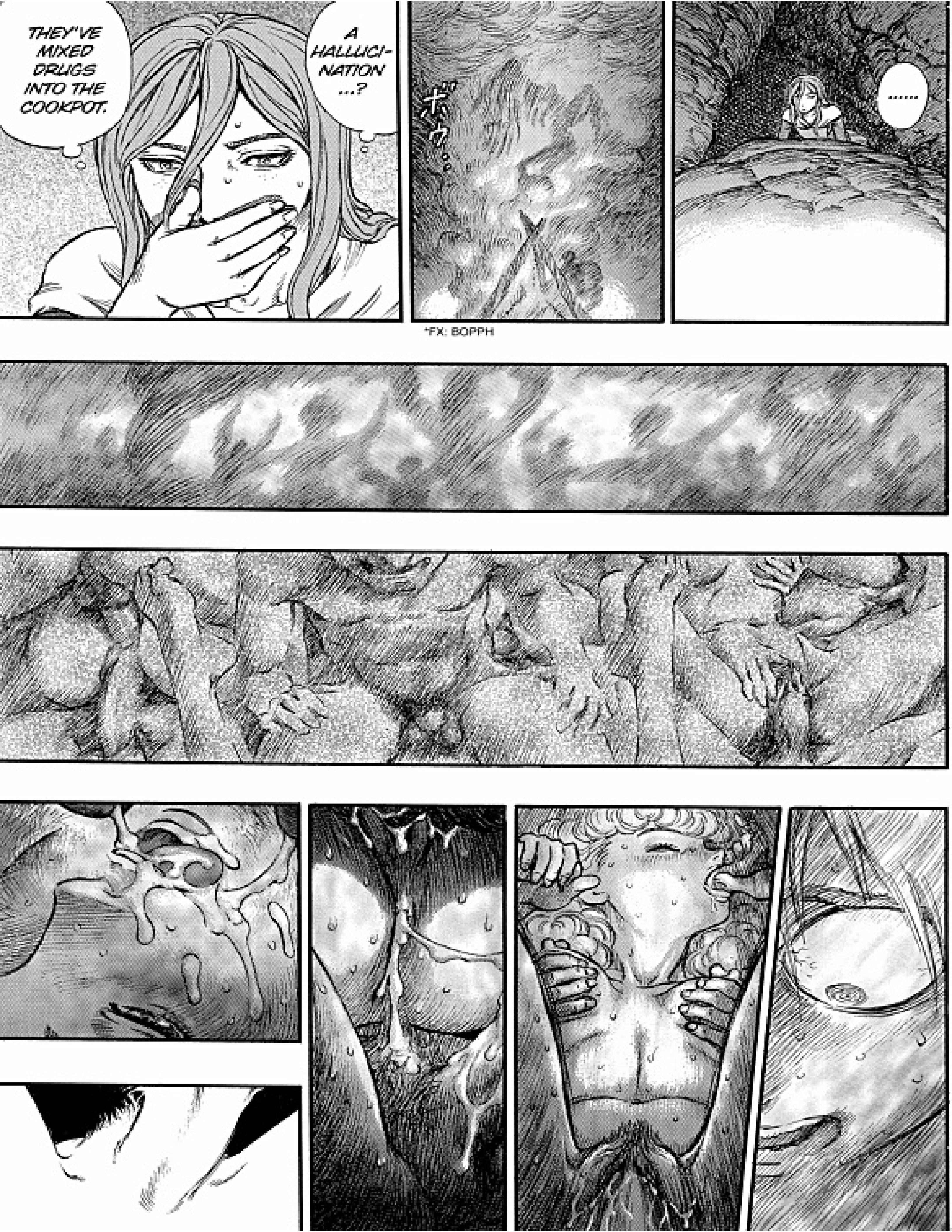

COME.
LET'S RUN AWAY TOGETHER.
......

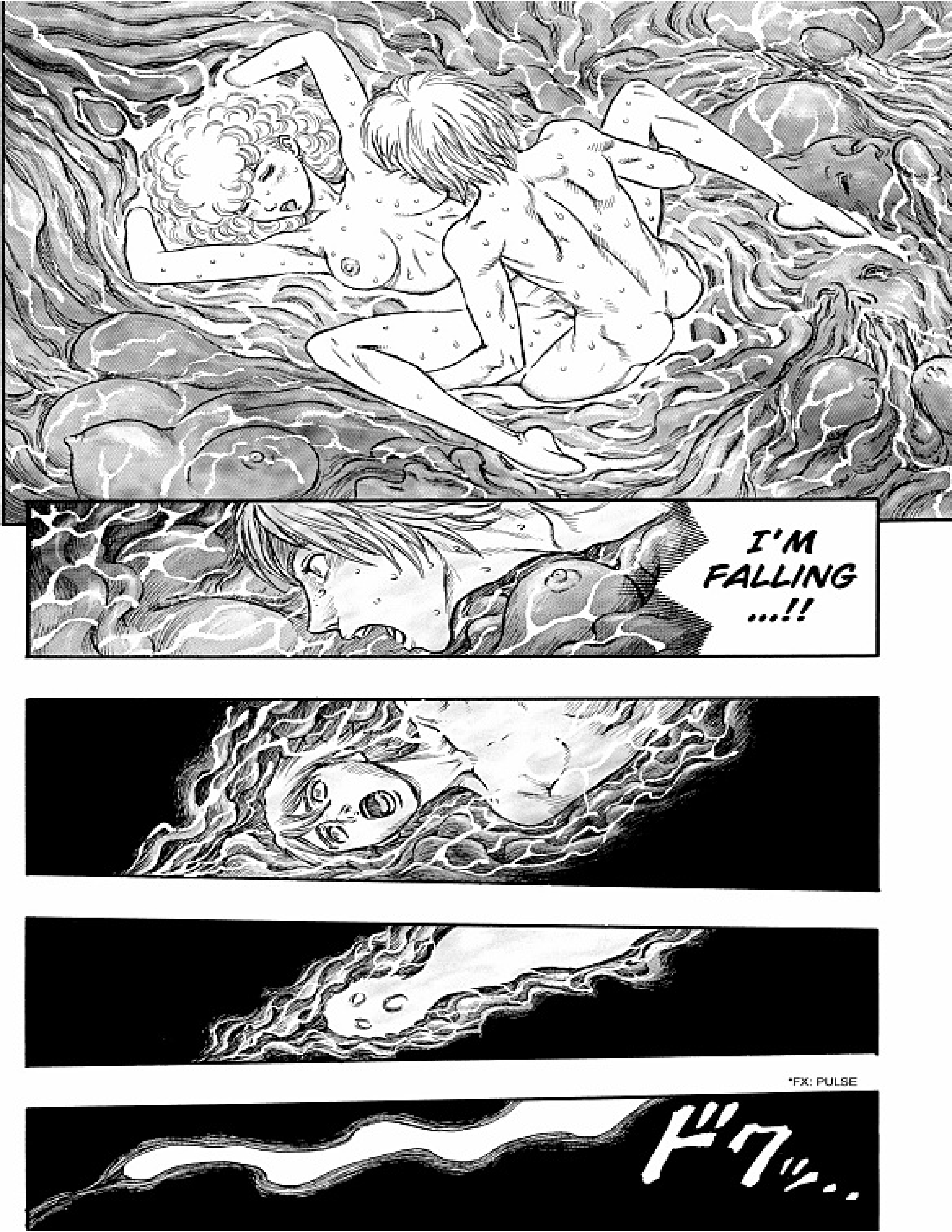

IS THIS A DRUG?

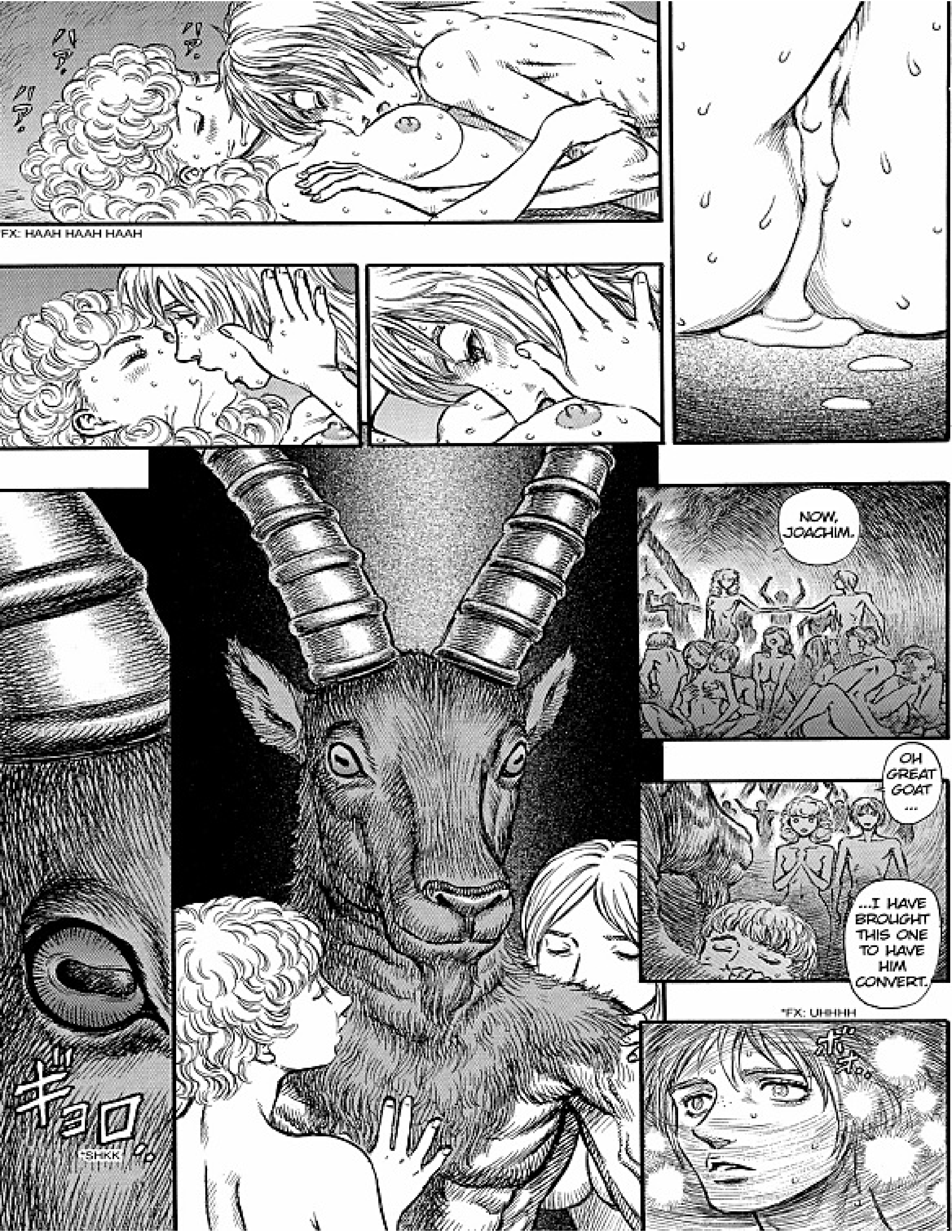

*FX: ZLP
!
AN ILLUSION ...?

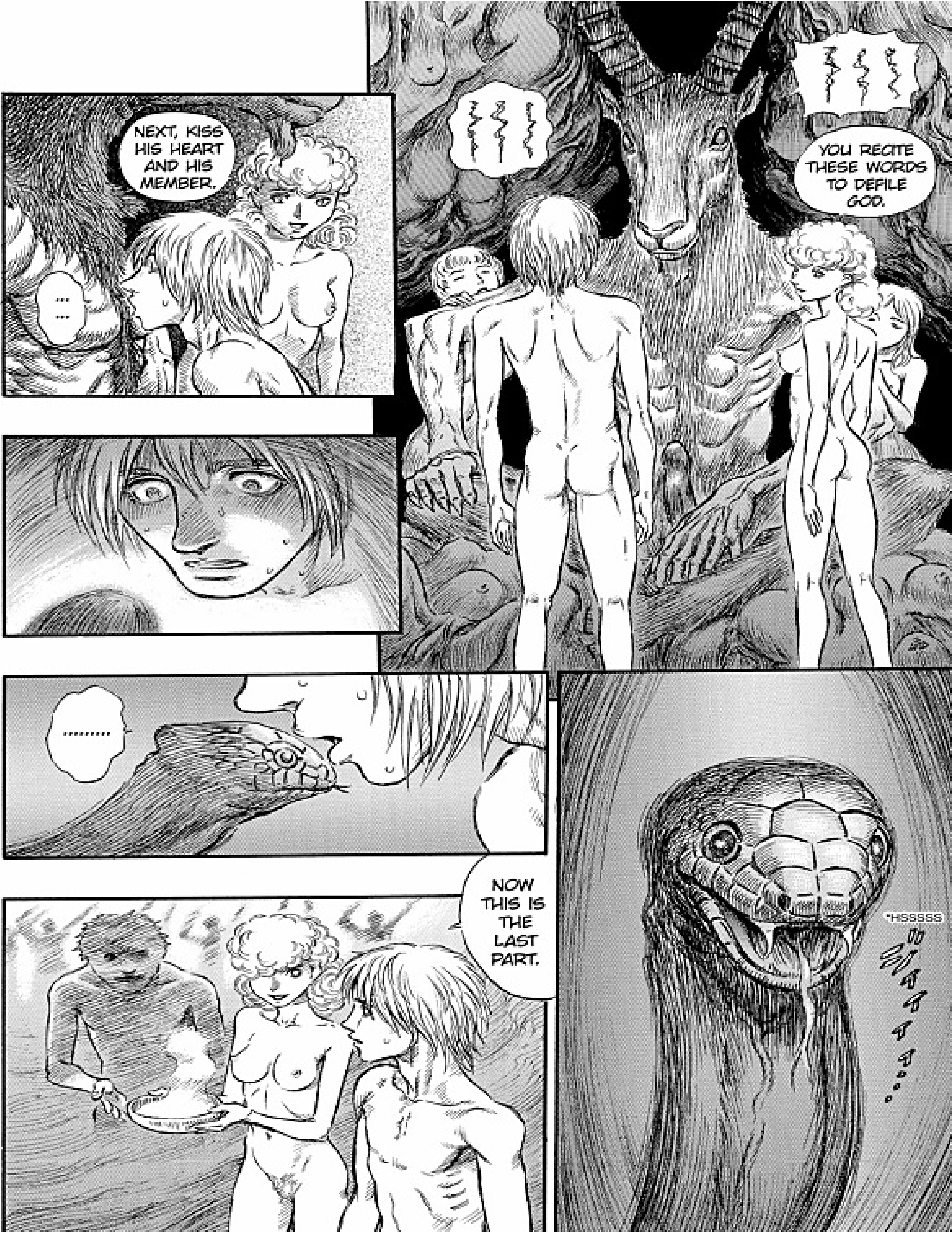



'TIS THE GODDESS OF FLAME!!
GODDESS...
...OF FLAME?


……
*FX: BOPPH
A HALLUCINATION ...?
THEY'VE MIXED DRUGS INTO THE COOKPOT.


I'M FALLING ...!!
*FX: PULSE
ドクッ..


FX: HAAH HAAH HAAH
NOW, JOACHIM.
OH GREAT GOAT ...
...I HAVE BROUGHT THIS ONE TO HAVE HIM CONVERT.
*FX: UHHHH
*SHKK


NEXT, KISS HIS HEART AND HIS MEMBER.
... ...
YOU RECITE THESE WORDS TO DEFILE GOD.
....
NOW THIS IS THE LAST PART.
*HSSSSS



IF YOU DRINK THIS, YOU'LL BE ONE OF US.
JOA-CHIM ?!
GEH ...!!
*FX: KRASSH
......
*FX: KRNCH
*DROM
*DROM
*DROM
*DROM
*DROM
*DROM
THIS ISN'T...
...AN ILLUSION.



*GLOOP
*GLOOP
*GLOOP
*GLOOP
UAHHHH!!
JOA-CHIM!!
IGH...
EEEEEE...
...
...
...
WA...!

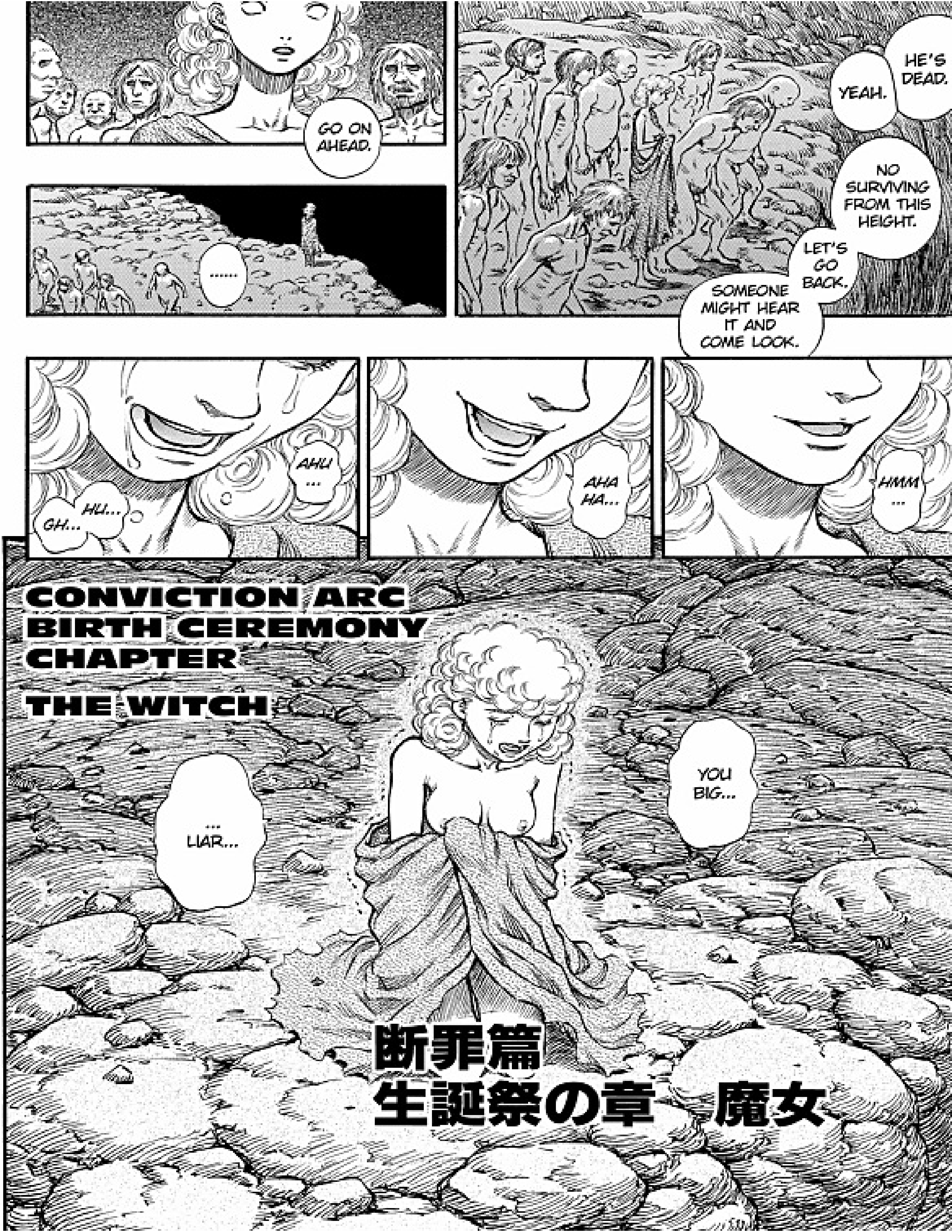

KILL THAT MAN!
HE MEANS TO BETRAY US!
ビクッ..
*FX: STARE
YEE...

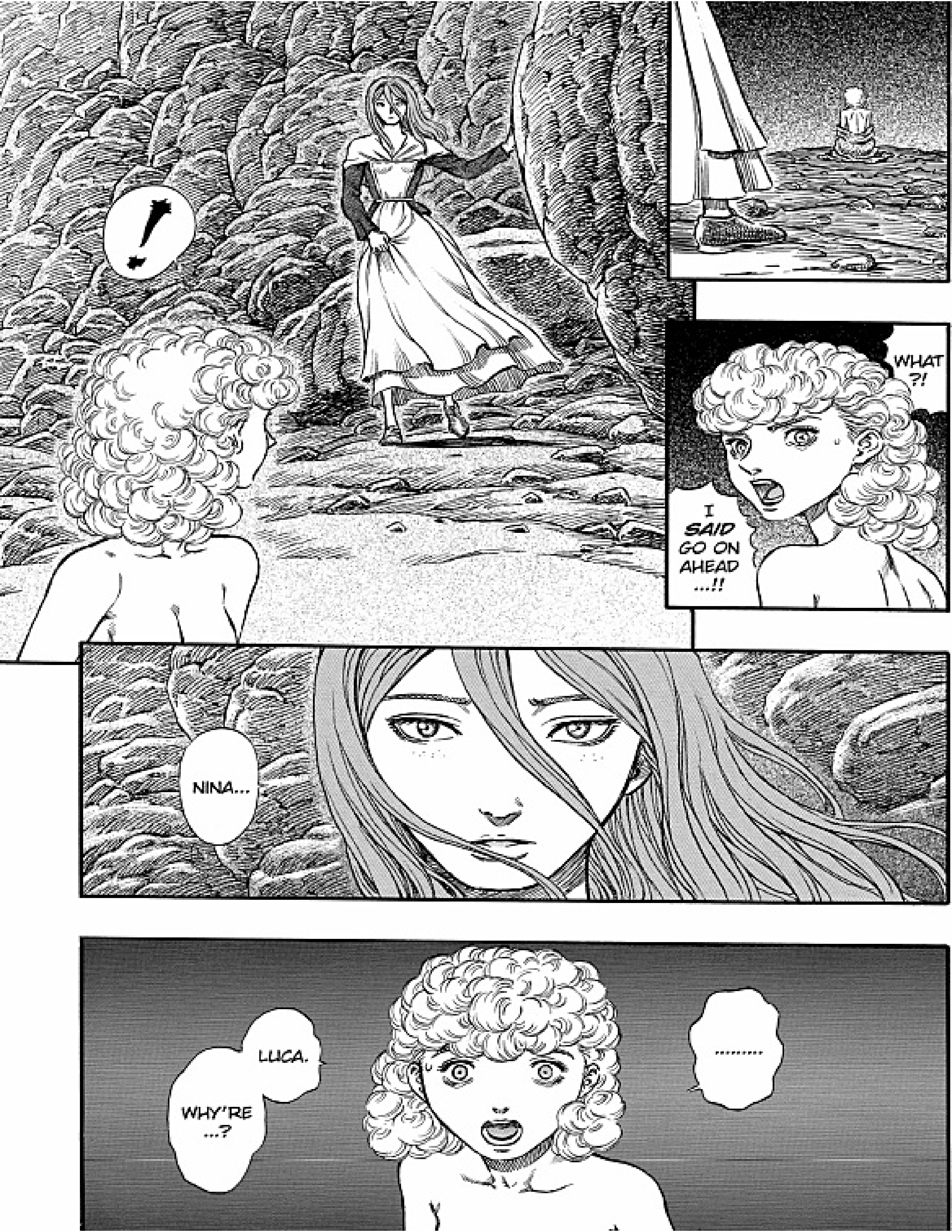


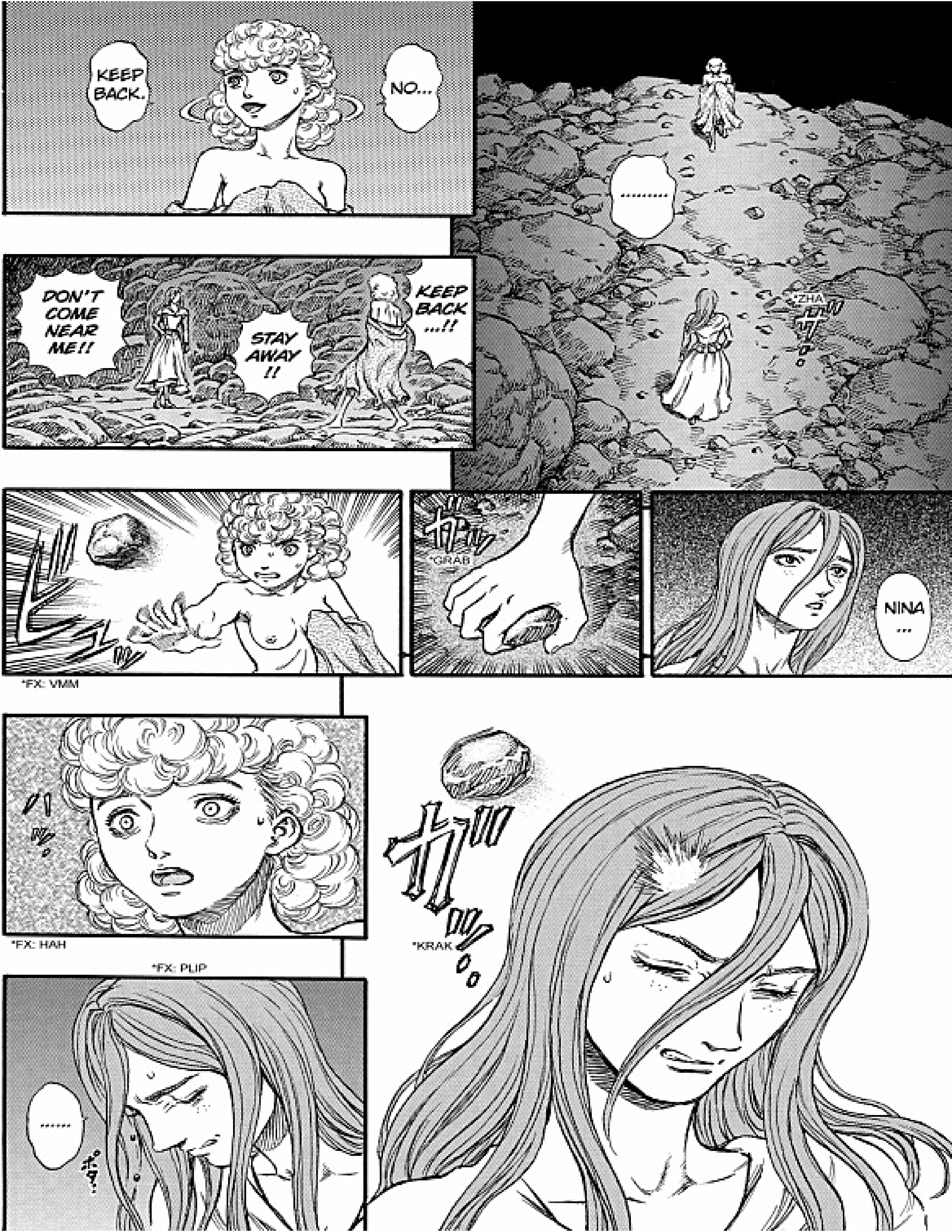
*FX: YAHHH AHHHH

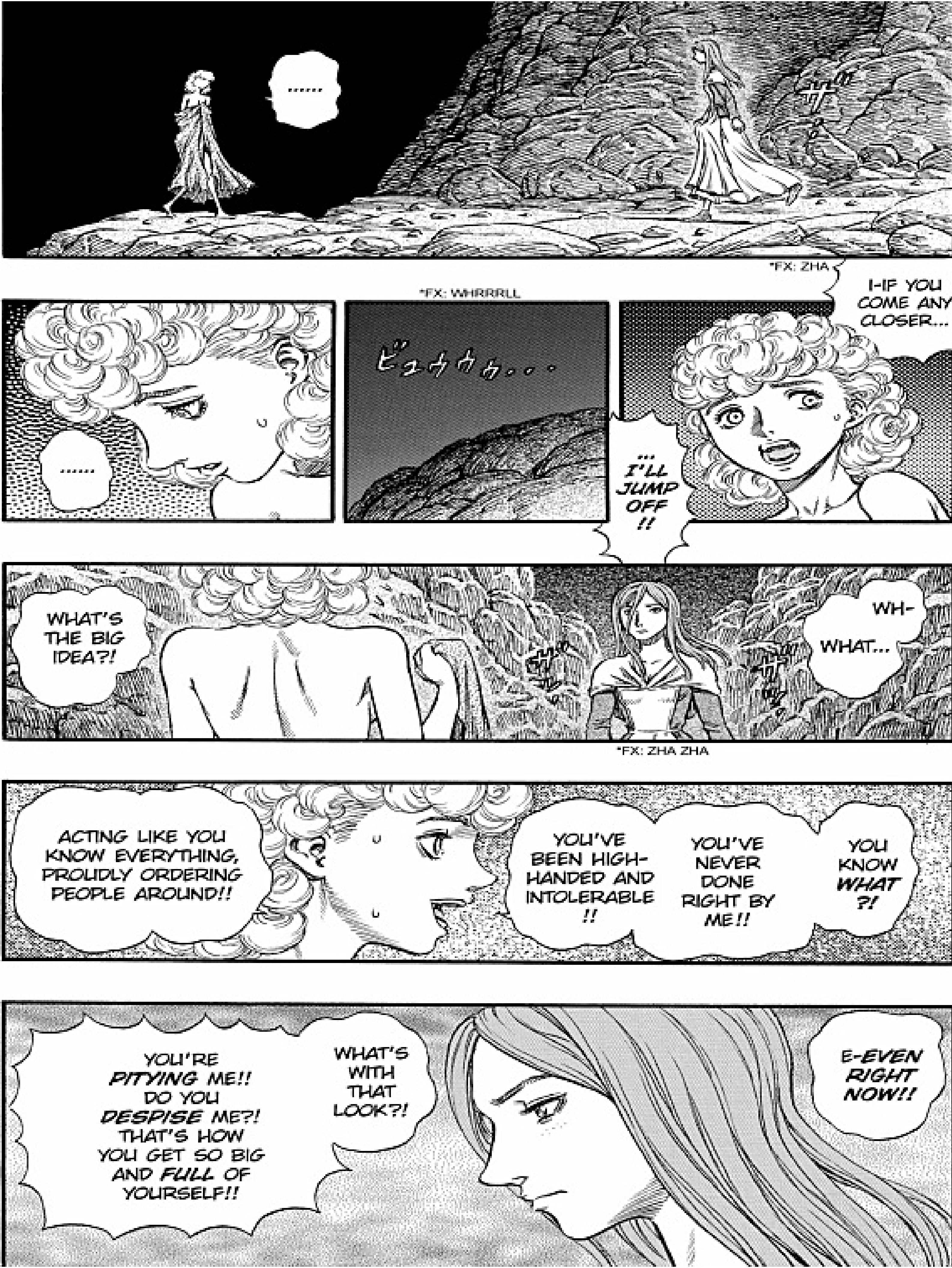


ああああああ
*FX: YAHHHHHH


HE'S DEAD.
YEAH.
NO SURVIVING FROM THIS HEIGHT.
LET'S GO BACK.
SOMEONE MIGHT HEAR IT AND COME LOOK.
GO ON AHEAD.
......
HMM ...
AHA HA...
AHU ...
HU...
GH...
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YOU BIG...
... LIAR...
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!
WHAT ?!
I SAID GO ON AHEAD ...!!
NINA...
LUCA.
WHY'RE ...?
....

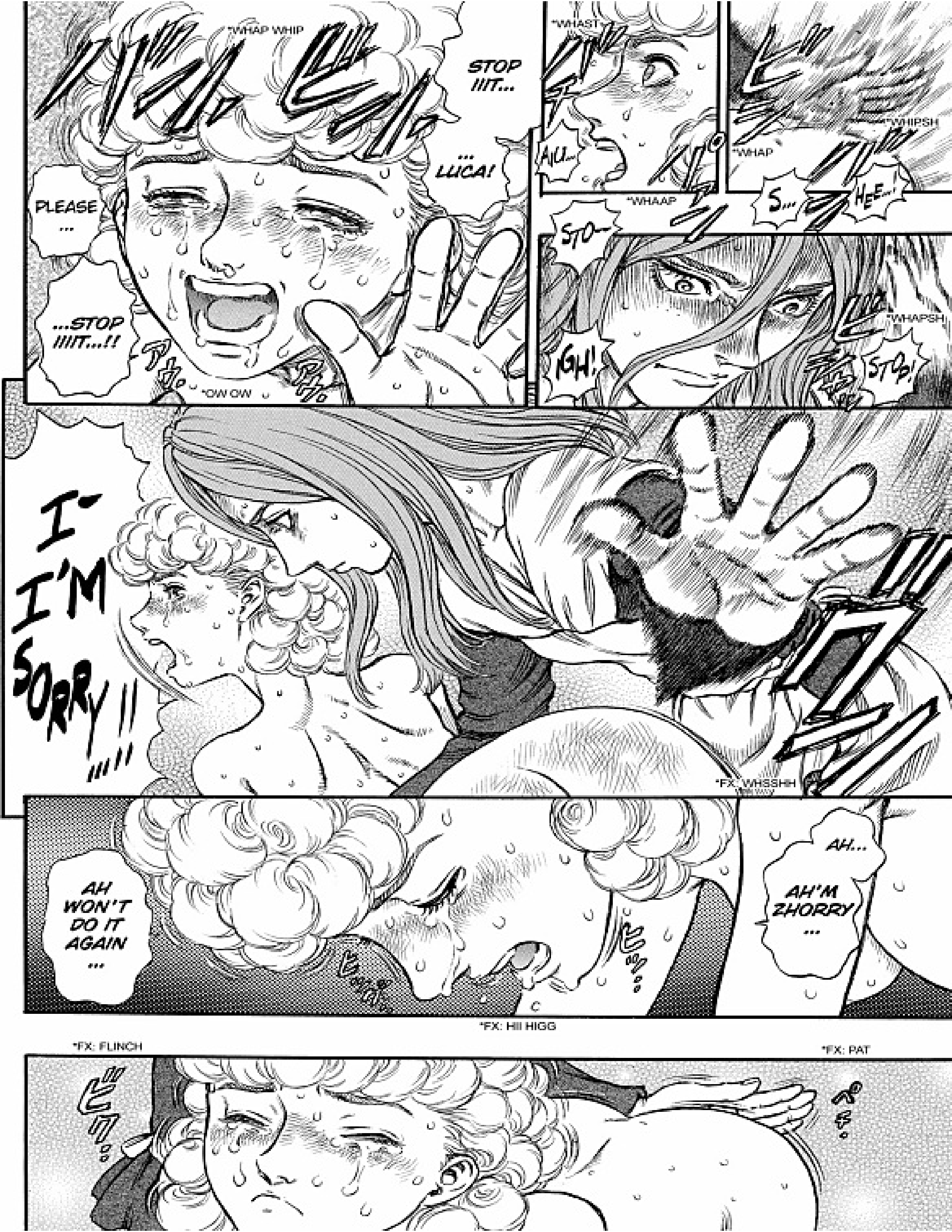

KEEP BACK.
NO...
....
DON'T COME NEAR ME!!
STAY AWAY!!
KEEP BACK...!!
*ZHA
*FX: VMM
*GRAB
NINA...
*FX: HAH
*FX: PLIP
*KRAK
....

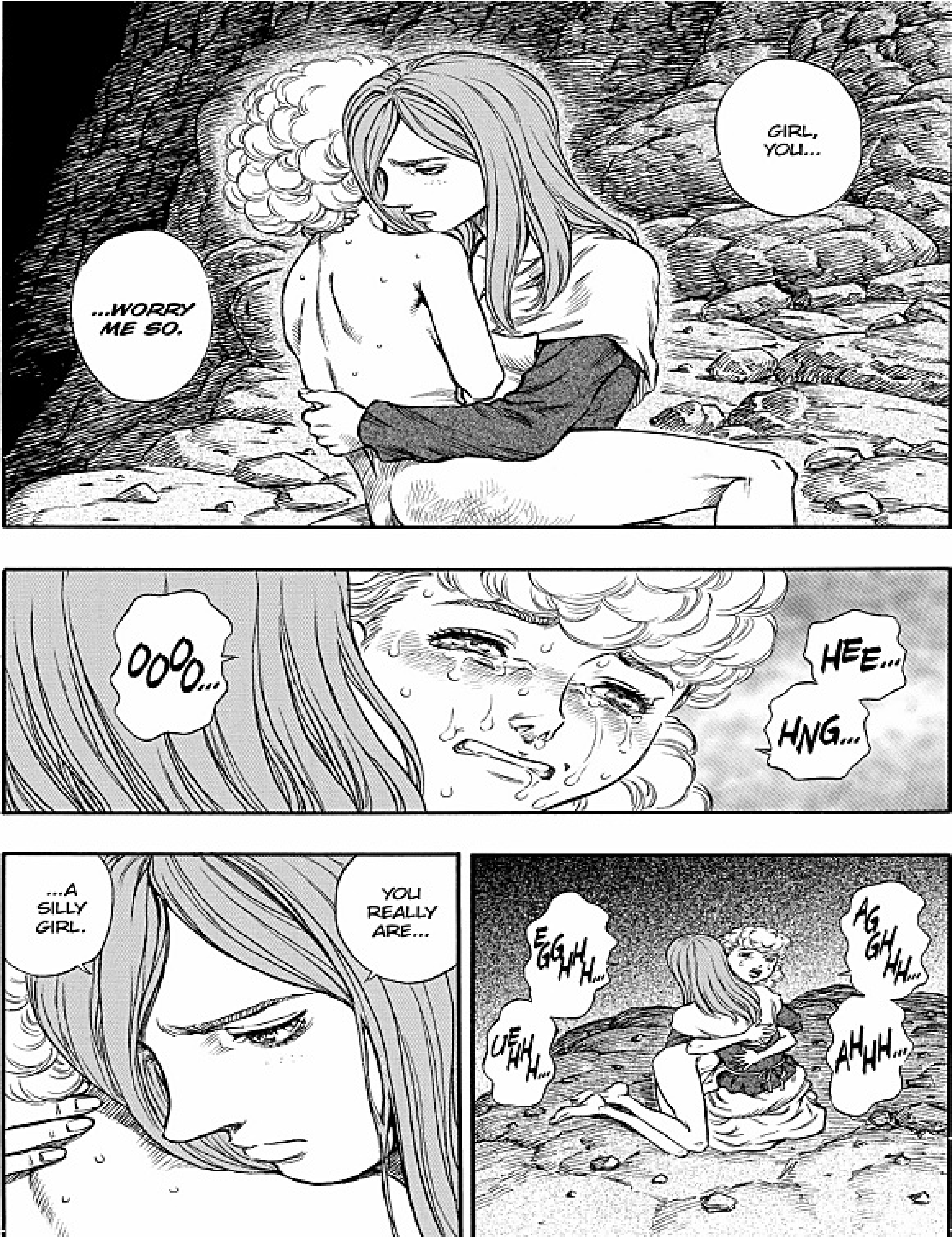

......
*FX: ZHA
I-IF YOU COME ANY CLOSER...
...I'LL JUMP OFF!!
*FX: WHRRRLL
ビュウウゥ...
......
WH- WHAT...
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
*FX: ZHA ZHA
YOU KNOW WHAT?!
YOU'VE NEVER DONE RIGHT BY ME!!
YOU'VE BEEN HIGH-HANDED AND INTOLERABLE!!
ACTING LIKE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING, PROUDLY ORDERING PEOPLE AROUND!!
E-EVEN RIGHT NOW!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?!
YOU'RE PITYING ME!! DO YOU DESPISE ME?! THAT'S HOW YOU GET SO BIG AND FULL OF YOURSELF!!

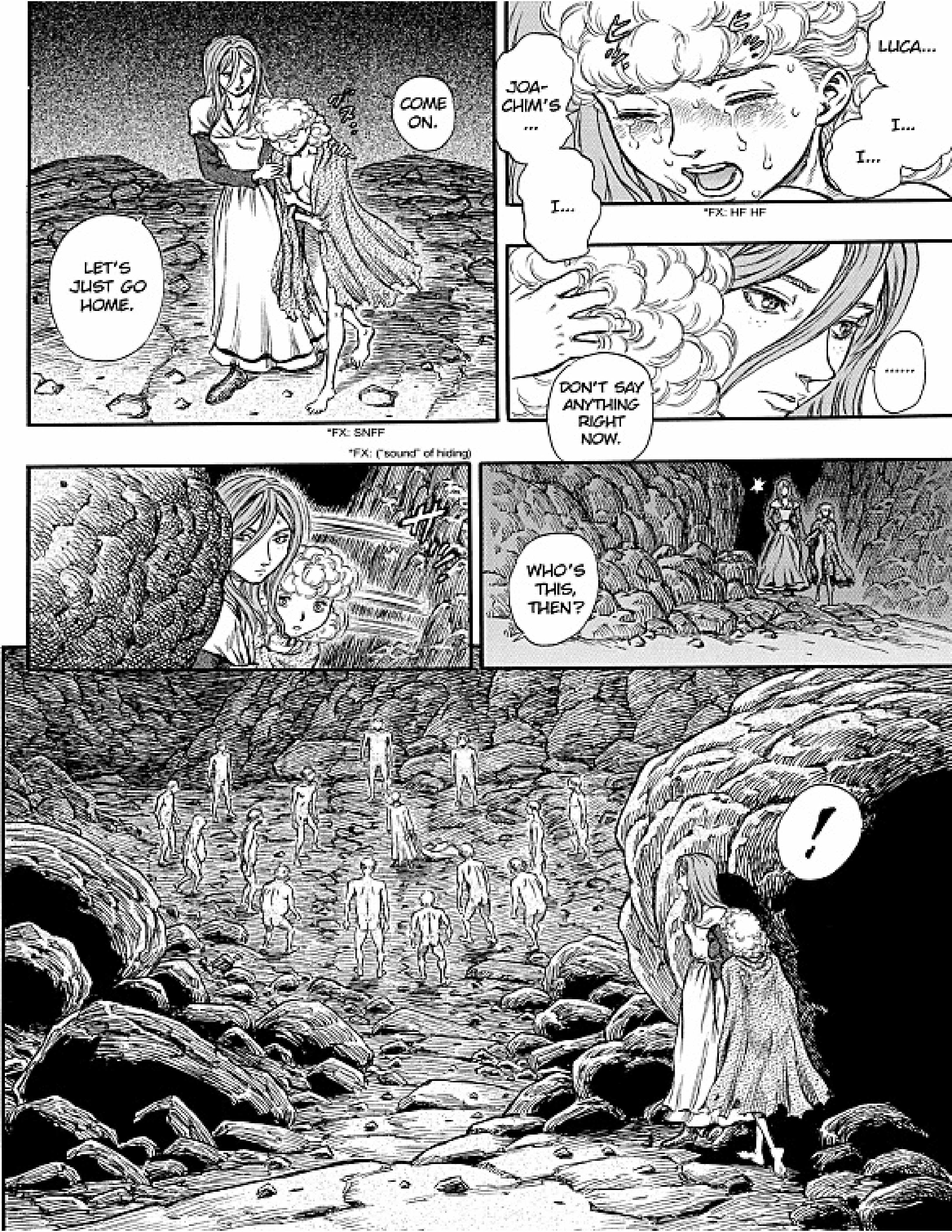


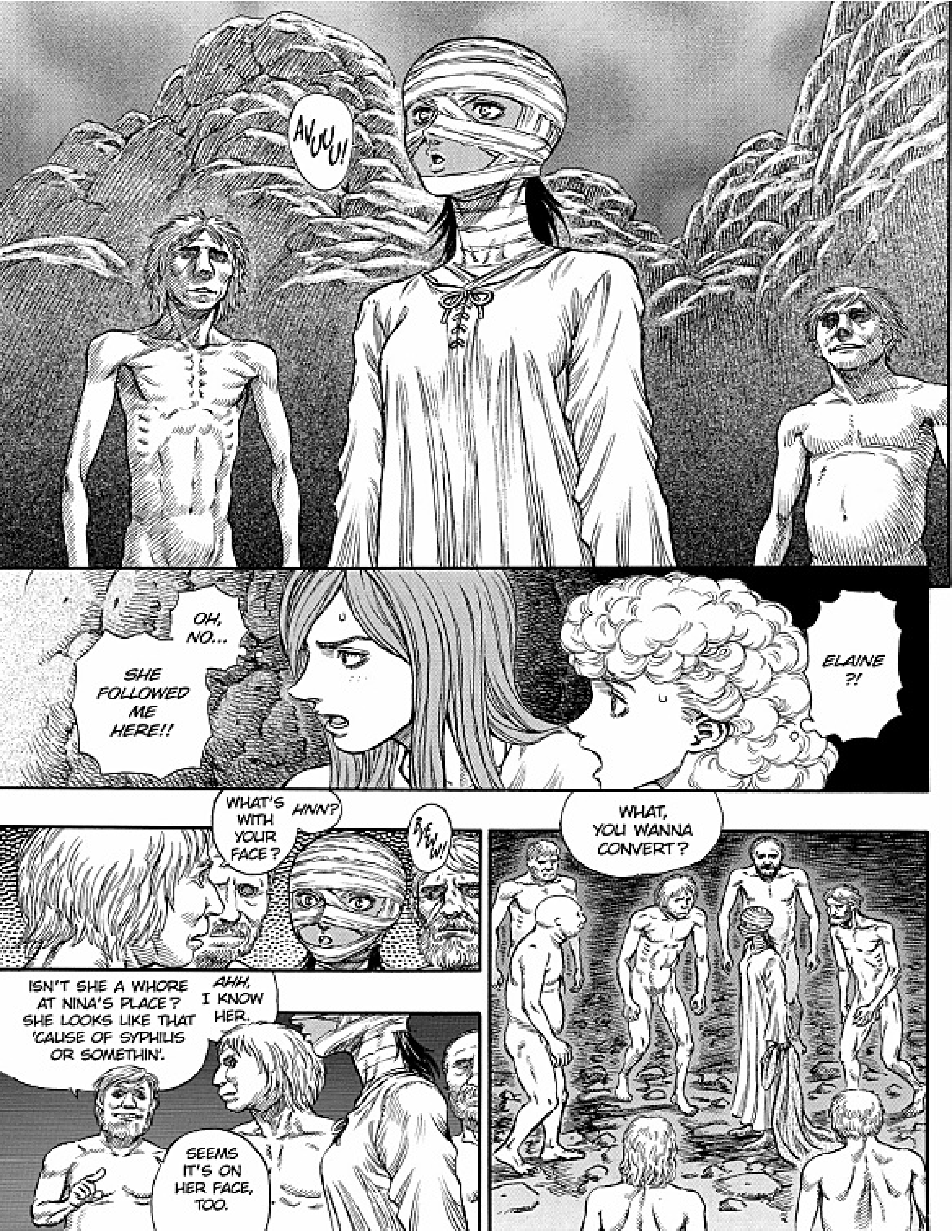
YOU'RE THE SAME AS ME, JUST A WHORE !!
HOW CAN YOU LOOK DOWN ON OTHER PEOPLE THAT WAY ?!
*FX: ZHA
....
I-IF I CALL OUT LOUD ENOUGH, MY FRIENDS'LL COME BACK.
THEY'LL TEAR YOU TO PIECES.


*WHAAAP
OWW ...!
WHAT'RE YOU--?!
*WHEP
AIEE...!
*FX: YANK
*WHASHT
*WHACK
GYAHN!


*WHIPSH
*WHAP
S...
HEE...!
*WHAST
AIU...
*WHAP WHIP
STOP IIIT...
...LUCA!
PLEASE ...
...STOP IIIIT...!!
*OW OW
*WHAAP
STO-
*WHAPSH
STO!
IGH!
I- I'M SORRY!!
*FX: WHSSHH
AH...
AH'M ZHORRY ...
AH WON'T DO IT AGAIN ...
*FX: HII HIGG
*FX: PAT
*FX: FLINCH


GIRL, YOU...
...WORRY ME SO.
HEE...
HNG...
OOOO...
AGGHHH...
AHHH...
EGGHHH...
UEHHH...
YOU REALLY ARE...
...A SILLY GIRL.

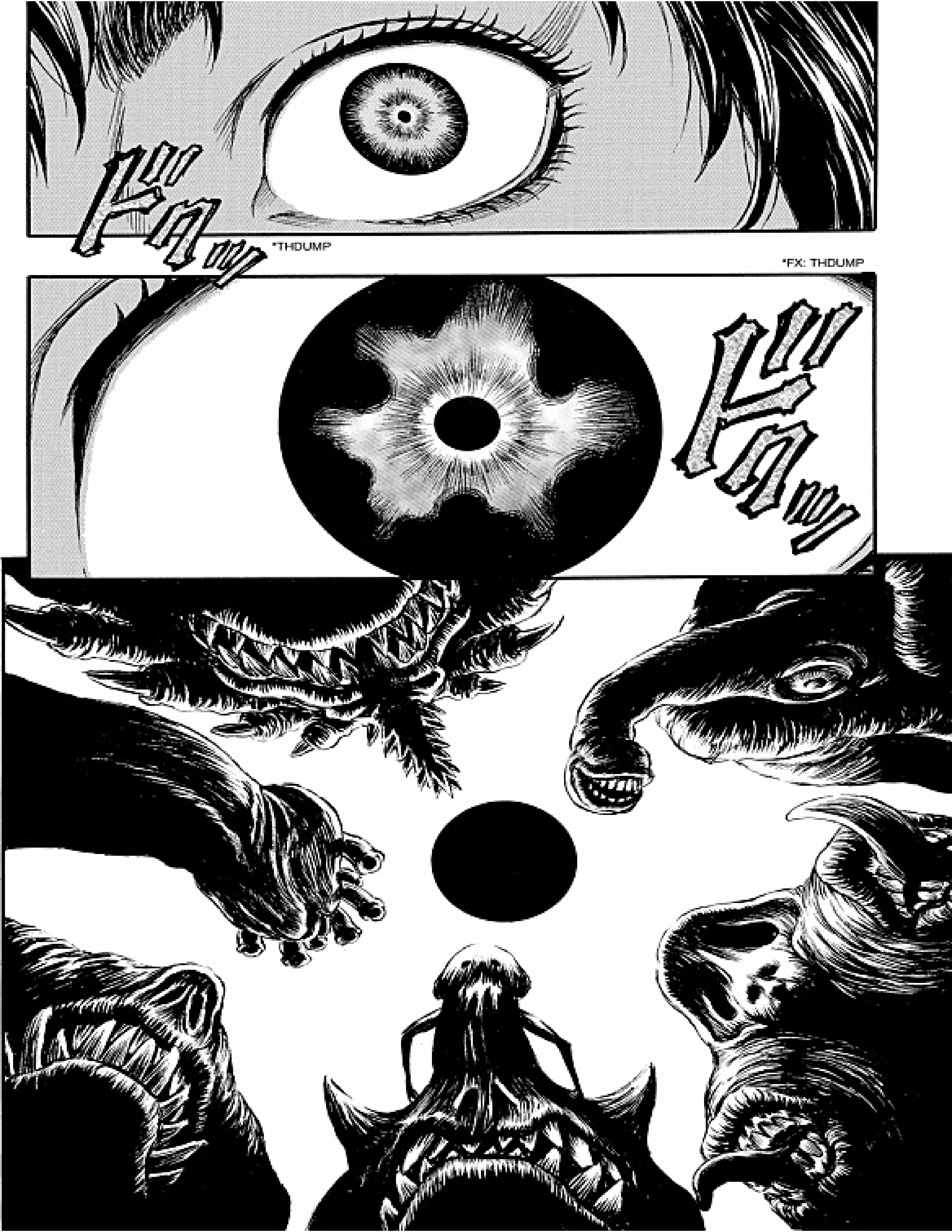

COME ON.
LET'S JUST GO HOME.
*FX: SNFF
LUCA...
JOA-CHIM'S ...
I...
I...
I...
*FX: HF HF
......
DON'T SAY ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.
*FX: ("sound" of hiding)
WHO'S THIS, THEN?
!


AWUU!
OH, NO...
SHE FOLLOWED ME HERE!!
ELAINE?!
WHAT'S WITH YOUR FACE?
HNN?
WHAT, YOU WANNA CONVERT?
ISN'T SHE A WHORE AT NINA'S PLACE? SHE LOOKS LIKE THAT 'CAUSE OF SYPHILIS OR SOMETHIN'.
AHH, I KNOW HER.
SEEMS IT'S ON HER FACE, TOO.


LEAVE HER BE AND LET'S GO BACK.
I AIN'T RAPIN' A GIRL WITH SYPHILIS.
SHE WON'T RAT ON US IF SHE'S INSANE, EITHER.
I'M GETTIN' SICK IN THIS COLD.
PHEW...
HEHEH... HEY, WAIT A MINUTE.
THIS COULD BE INTER-ESTIN'.
HEE HEE...
*FX: PAT PAT
I WANNA TAKE A LOOK...
...AT A FACE THAT'S ROTTIN' OFF!!
*FX: RRRIP
AWHA ...?
WHEEE!
OH, HELL!
OH! LOOKY! LOOKY!
WHADDA WE HAVE HERE?
*FX: WHOAA



*FX: FLAIL FLAIL


*THDUMP
*FX: THDUMP





ああああ
*AHHHH
WHAT'S WITH HER?!
OWAHH!!
*FX: TWITCH ZHFFA TWITCH
HEY!
WHAT HAPPENS HAPPENS.
YOU PEOPLE ...!!
UH... ?


*PACHING
パキン。
*POP
パリ。
*KRIK
ビキッ。
ヴヴヴ…
*VVVV
WHAT'S THAT... ?
AGH!
AGH!
GYAHHH!!
?!
*FX: SHIVER


HU...
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG ?
H...
*GRRGLE
*FX: CRUN
HUNGRY!!
S...
SAY WHAT ?
*KRUP KRUP





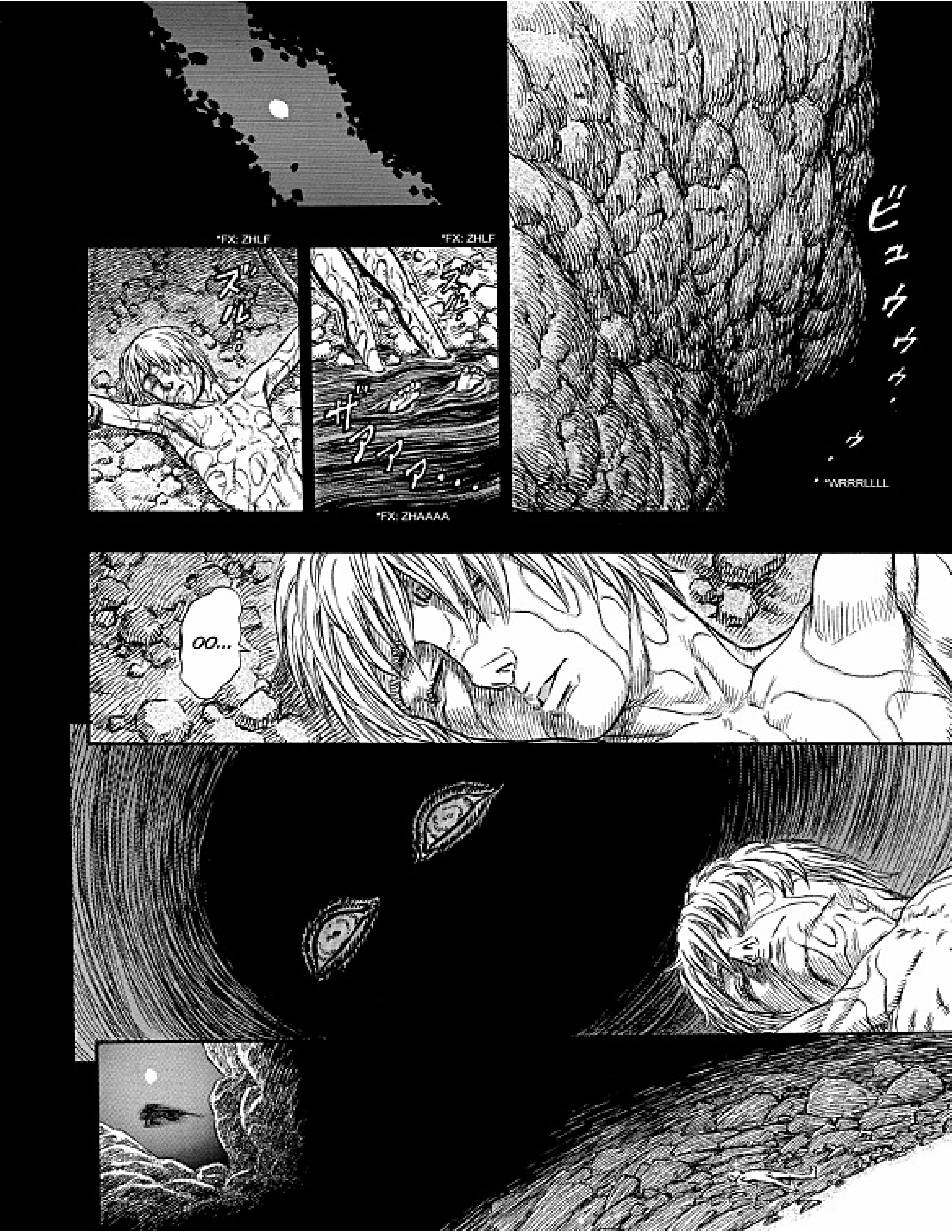
WHA...?!
WHAT IS THIS...?!
......
DON'T TELL ME...
...IT'S HER ?!
SACRI-FICE....
FLESH.
MEAT.
SACRI-FICE.
WOMAN.



*FX: MWOHHH
!
ELAINE!!
*FX: FLINCH
*ZMM

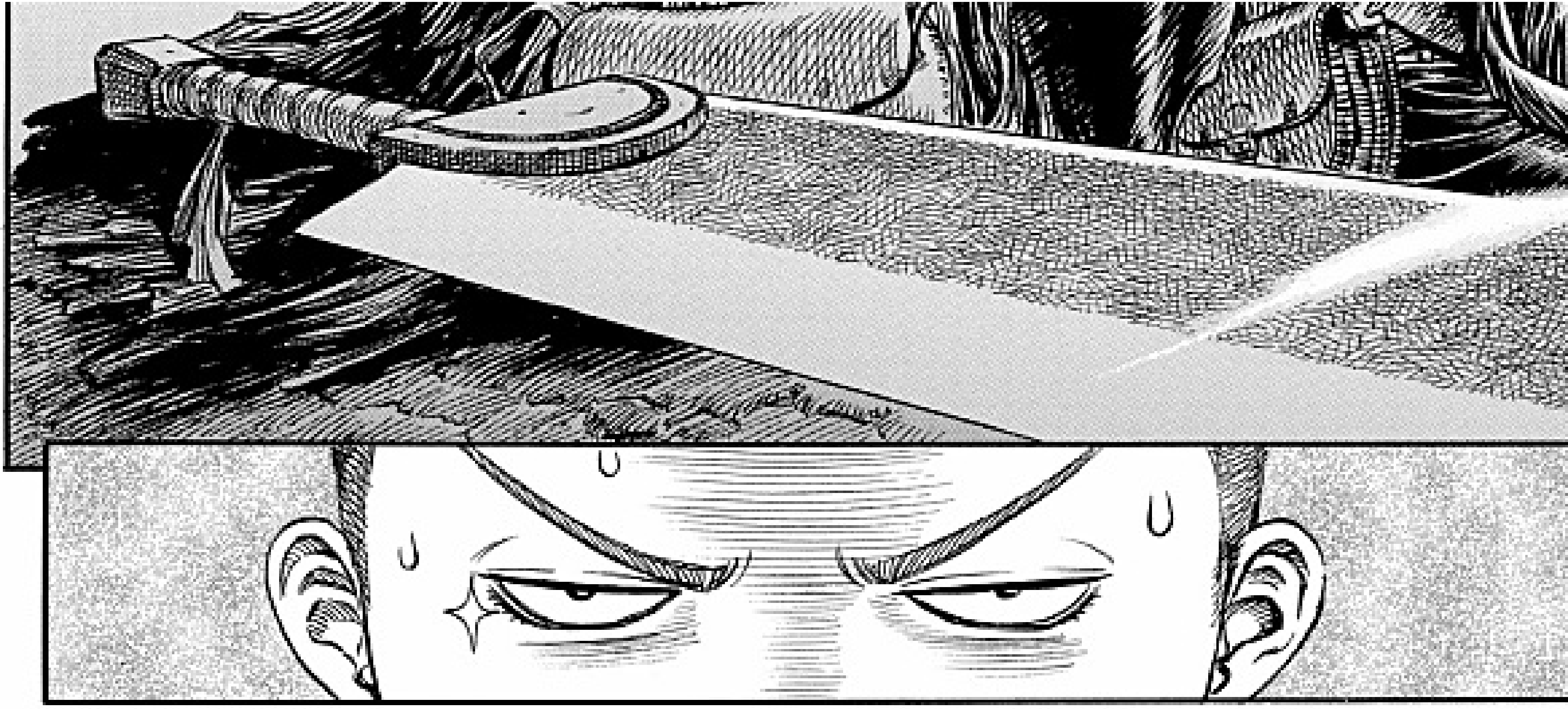

*FX: GRRR
*FX: NNN
*FX: MGA
*FX: ZMM
WAH...
IGH...
*FX: DOSH
*FX: THUD
AHHH!
AH...
OOO...
ELAINE...
YOU...


A WITCH !!
WITCH ...
*BOW
WEEE...



ビュウウウウ・・・ウ
*WRRRLLLL
*FX: ZHLF
ザアアア・・・
*FX: ZHAAAA
*FX: ZHLF
oo...

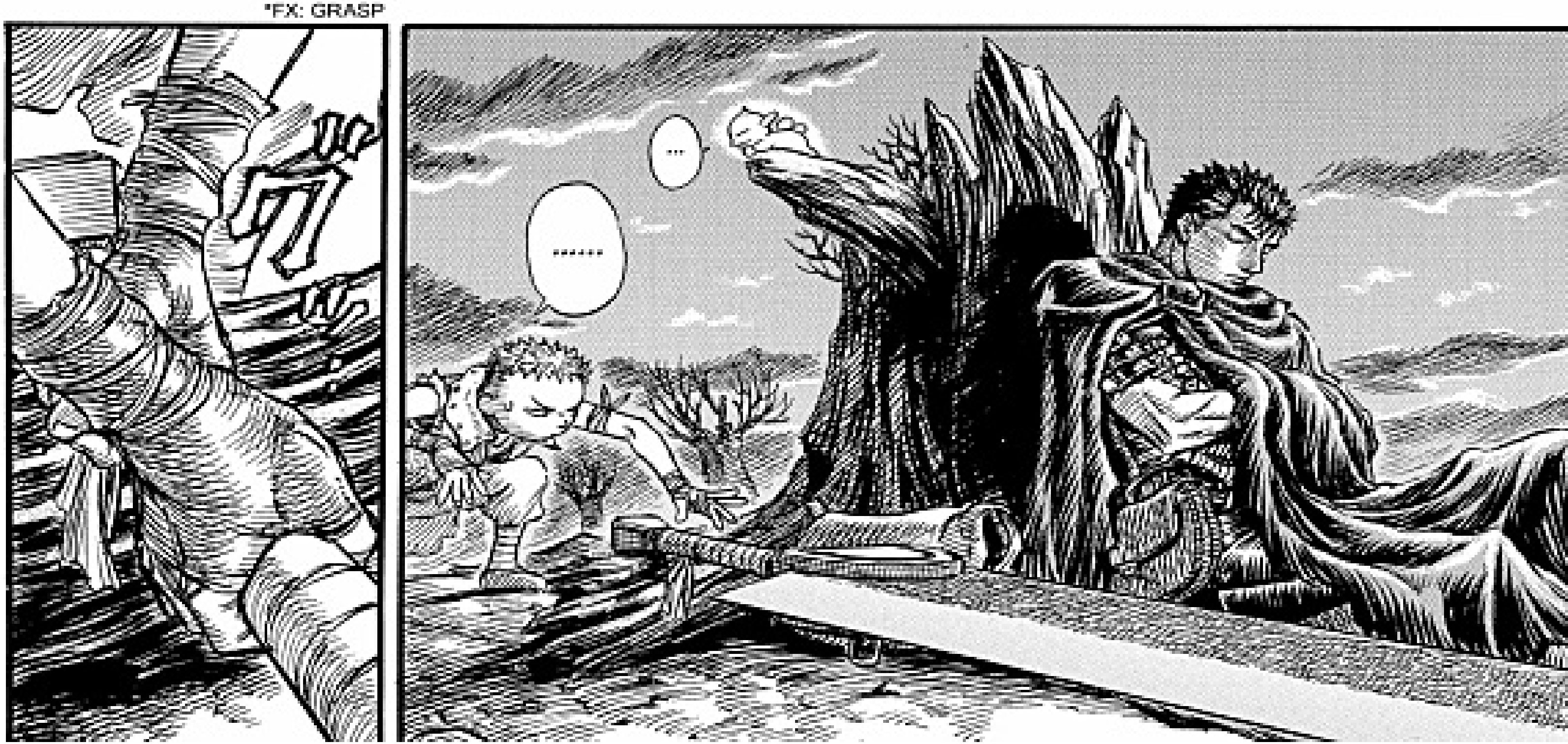

F...
...FOUND HIM.
ハゼッ ハゼッ
*FX: HEHHH HAHHH HEHHH HAHHH
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HE'S BEEN RUNNIN' A WHOLE DAMN DAY AND A HALF, SINCE NOON YESTERDAY!
IF I HADN'T BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HITCH A RIDE WITH THOSE REFUGEES, I WOULD'VE LOST SIGHT OF HIM.



*FX: SHMP

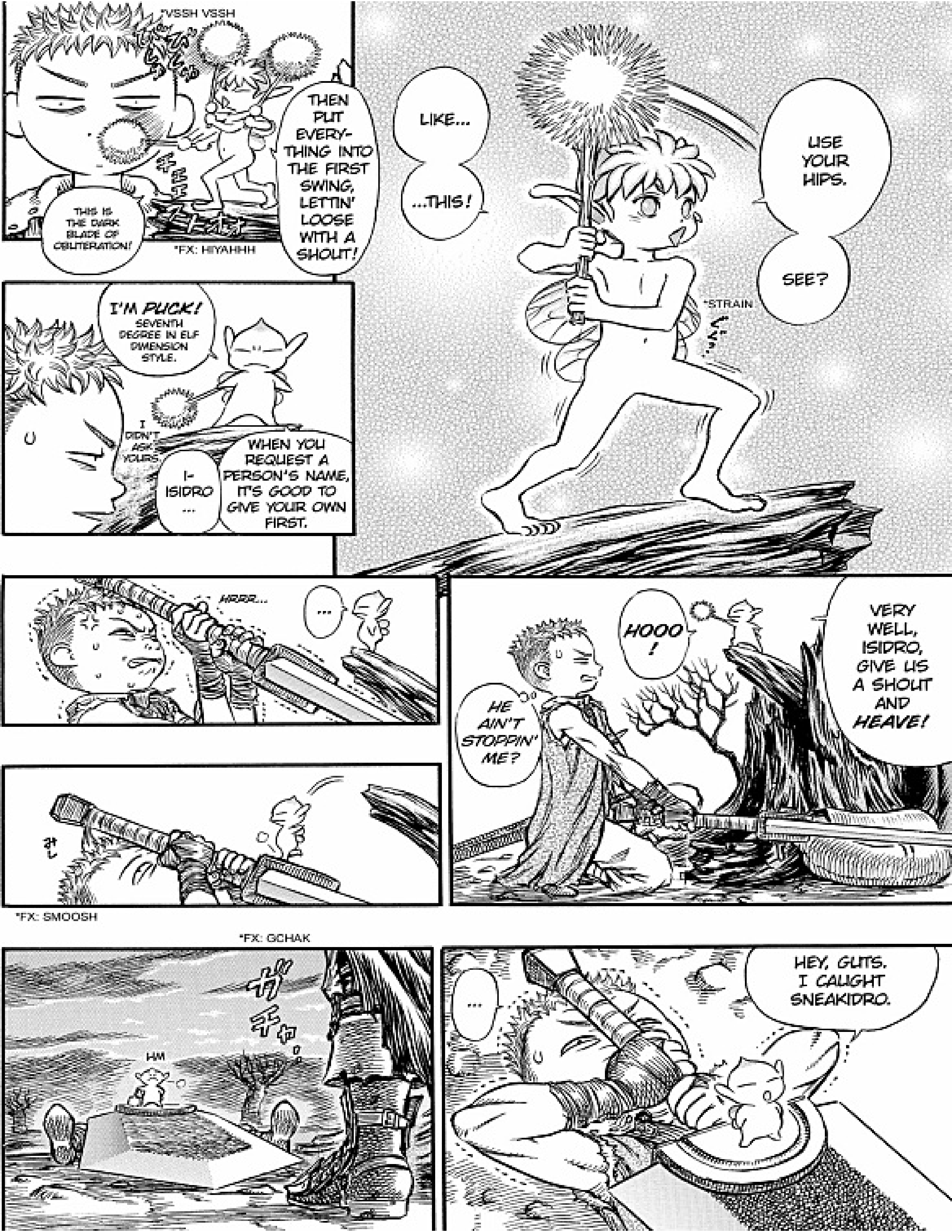


*FX: GRASP

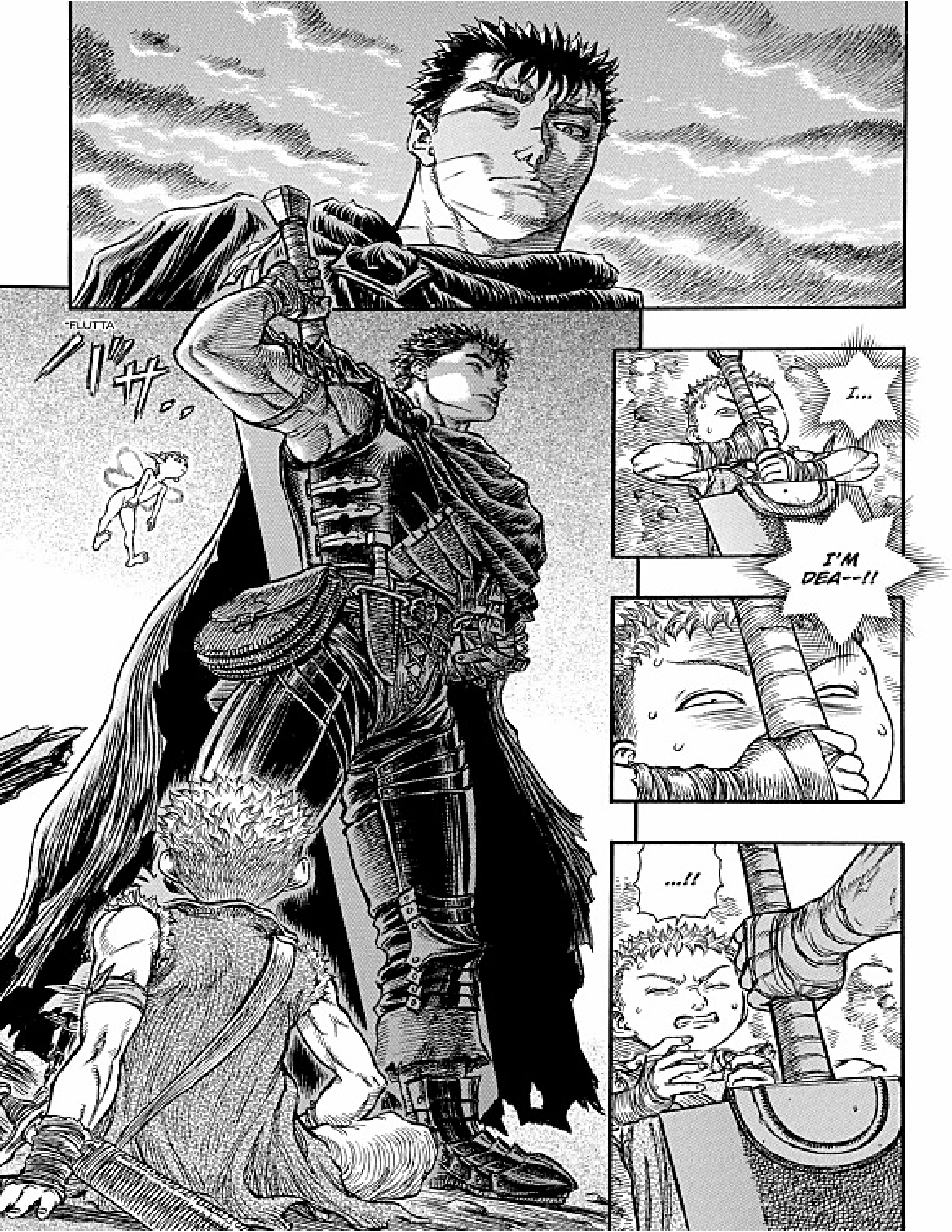




HMN
GGG!
I'LL BET THIS SWORD'S FAMOUS!!
SO SHARP! SO MASSIVE!
WON'T BUDGE AN INCH.
W-W-W--
BUT HE...
...SWINGS IT AROUND SO EASILY...
HNGGGG...
PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT.



*VSSH VSSH
THIS IS THE DARK BLADE OF OBLITERATION!
*FX: HIYAHHH
THEN PUT EVERY-THING INTO THE FIRST SWING, LETTIN' LOOSE WITH A SHOUT!
LIKE...
...THIS!
USE YOUR HIPS.
SEE?
*STRAIN
I'M PUCK! SEVENTH DEGREE IN ELF DIMENSION STYLE.
I DIDN'T ASK YOURS.
WHEN YOU REQUEST A PERSON'S NAME, IT'S GOOD TO GIVE YOUR OWN FIRST.
I-ISIDRO...
HRRR...
...
VERY WELL, ISIDRO, GIVE US A SHOUT AND HEAVE!
HOOO!
HE AIN'T STOPPIN' ME?
*FX: SMOOSH
*FX: GCHAK
HM
HEY, GUTS. I CAUGHT SNEAKIDRO.
...


*FLUTTA
バサ
I...
I'M DEA--!!
...!!


......
IT AIN'T A KID'S TOY.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN SHADOWIN' ME SINCE YESTERDAY.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HE HE HE HEH...
HEH...
YOU WANNA BE HIS APPRENTICE?
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TA GO THROUGH ME, SINCE I'M HIS MANAGER.
Y...
YEAH, YOU WISH!
I AIN'T...
...ABOUT TO BE UNDER ANYONE.



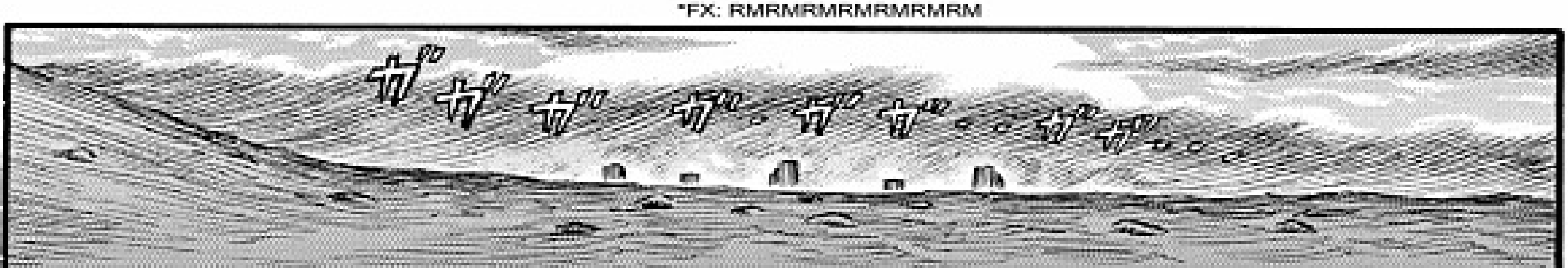
HM...?
HAVE YOU EVER CUT DOWN ANYONE?
YOU MISS THAT FOOD YOU GAVE TO ME, AND YOU'VE COME TO TAKE IT BACK! OH, FOR SHAME!
AHH !!
YOU ATE ALL THAT?
OKAY, FINE ...
FORGET ABOUT IT! I ATE IT ALL UP! IT'S GONE!
!
DO YOU WANT TO BE A FIGHTER?
YOU'VE GOT A SWORD.
IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T HANG AROUND ME MUCH.
WELL, IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIF-FERENCE.
WH-WHAT I DO'S UP TO ME! YOU'VE GOT NO REASON TO COMPLAIN!
....
*FX: MUTTER
Y...
YEAH, SURE.
... OR TWO ...
ONE ...



*FX: RMRMRMRMRM



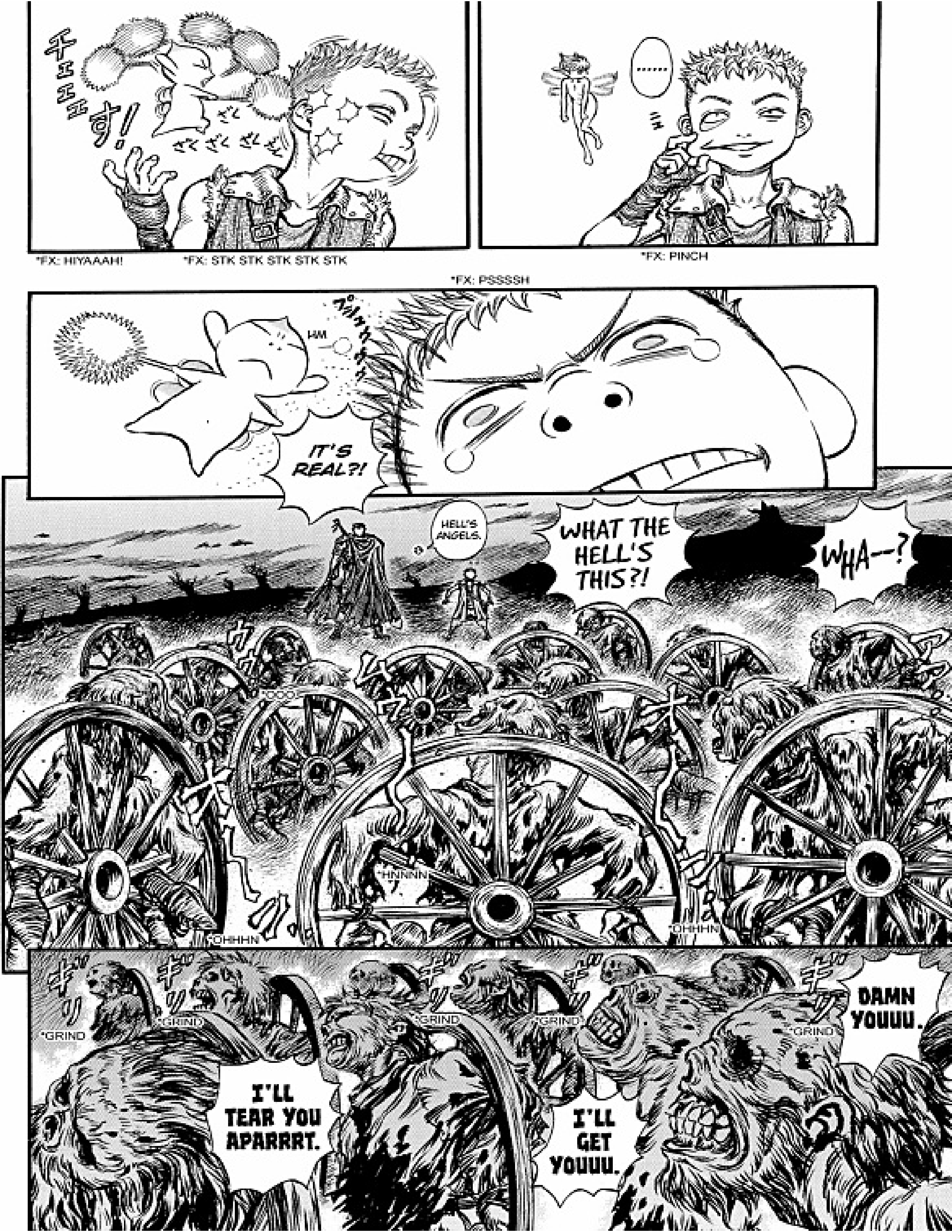
*FX: RMRMRMRMRMRMRM




?!
*CLATA
*CLATA
*CLATA
*CLATA
*CLATA
W-WAGON WHEELS...
*DM
*DM
*DM
*DM
*DM
*DM
*DM
...MOVIN' ON THEIR OWN...?!
THIS IS NEW.
*FX: KSSSHA


GOD DAMN IT...
DAMN YOU...


SON OF A BITCH...
ゴキ ゴキ
*FX: KRIK KRIK
DAMMIT...


......
*FX: PINCH
*FX: HIYAAAH!
*FX: STK STK STK STK STK
*FX: PSSSSH
HM
IT'S REAL?!
WHA--?
WHAT THE HELL'S THIS?!
HELL'S ANGELS.
*HNNNN
*OHHHN
*OHHHN
*GRIND
DAMN YOUUU.
*GRIND
*GRIND
*GRIND
*GRIND
I'LL GET YOUUU.
I'LL TEAR YOU APARRRT.


I-I DON'T RECALL BEIN' CURSED BY ANY WAGON WHEELS.
......
GUESS WE SHOULD...
...KILL YOU, TOOOO.
HNGYAHH!!
I'LL NEVER HITCH OR SWIPE FROM ANOTHER WAGON EVER AGAIN!!
*RATA
*RATA
*RATA
*RATA
*RATA
*GTUNK
*WHOM


*BKOM
THEY DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY REASON TO HATE YOU OR ME.
THEY JUST DIED AND GOT STUPID, AND THEY CAN'T TELL WHO THEY'RE CURSING.
*CLAK
*CLAK
*CLAK


*BAAOHHHHHM
SHON OF A BISH.
GO TO HELLL.
I'LL RIP YOUR GUTS OUT.
IT HURRRTS.
CURSE YOUUU.
HATE, HATE, HUH?
THESE GUYS, TOO...
*SQUEEZE
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME FOR ME, TOO.
MONSTERS OR WHATEVER, I DON'T CARE. I JUST WANNA UNLEASH THIS BLACK MASS PENT UP INSIDE ME.
BUT...
...RIGHT NOW...
...I AIN'T GOT TIME TO MESS WITH YOU!
I'M IN A HURRY...
...AND I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PRESS ON.

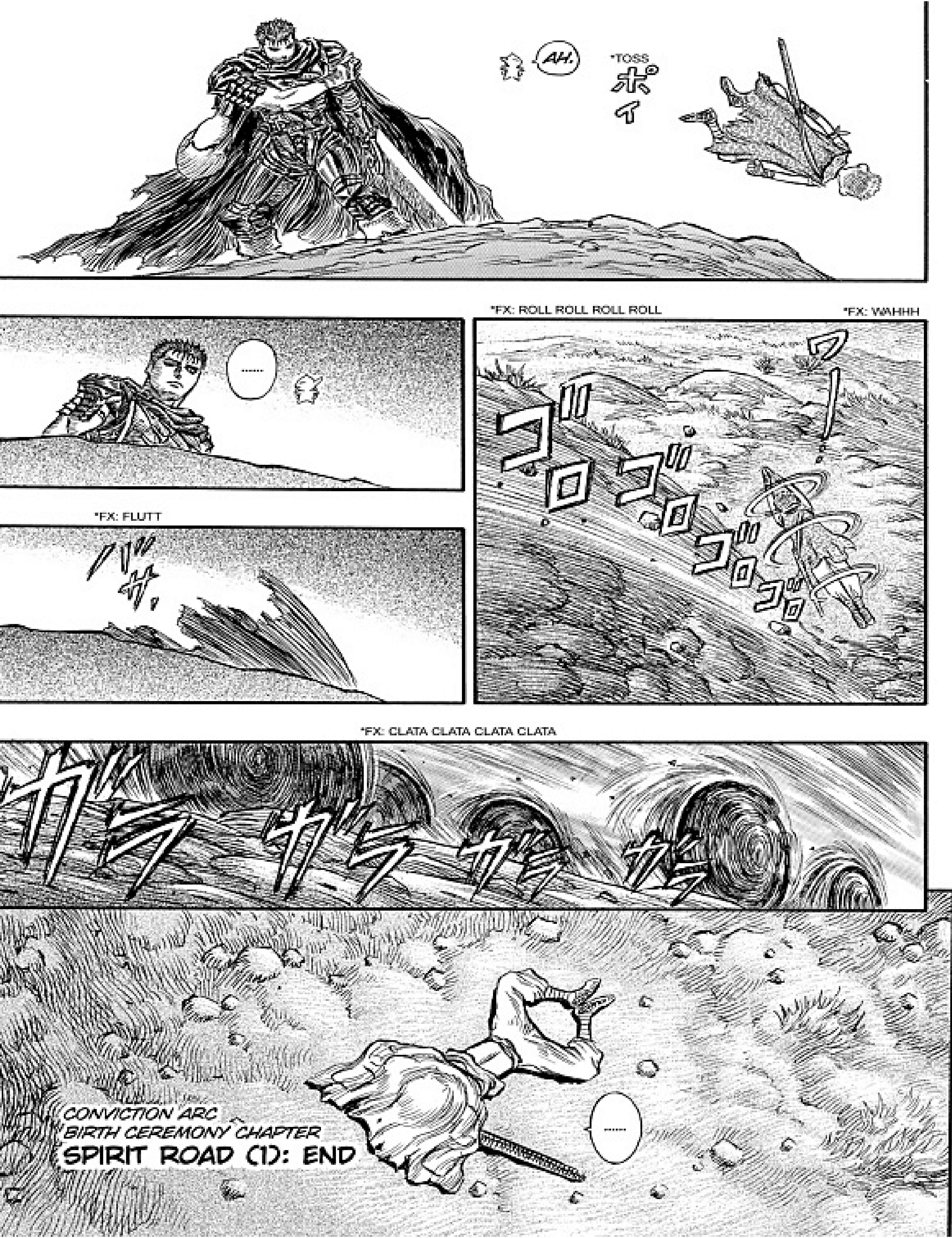

*BDASSH
DON'T FALL BEHIND, SNEAKI-DRO!!
LIKE YOU HAD TO TELL ME...!!
AND IT'S ISIDRO!


*FX: CHNG CHNG CHNG


*FX: GASH
*FX: KRASSH
*FX: FLAPA
*FX: CLATA CLATA CLATA
HIEEE!
I KN-KNEW HE WAS AMAZIN'
HI-YO, SNEAKI-PRO!
YOU'RE SCREWED!
NOGYAHHH!!
*KRN
*KRN
*KRN
*KRN
*KRN
*KRN


HEY! GET TO ROCKY GROUND OR SOMEWHERE THOSE WHEELS CAN'T GO! YOU'LL GET RUN DOWN IF YOU KEEP FOLLOWIN'!
NO WAY!
*FX: KRNKRNKRNKRNKRNKRN
THIS'S THE *OPEN ROAD!!*
GALLOP GALLOP
WHERE I GO'S UP TO ME, ALRIGHT?!
....
NOW! ELF DIMENSION STYLE DARK B---!
HIYAAHH!
*POK
GEH!
*FX: CLATA CLATA CLATA
YOUR SWORD, SNEAKIDRO, YOUR *SWORD*. NOW IS THE TIME TO PRACTICE WHAT I'VE TAUGHT YOU!
OH! OH YEAH! I FORGOT.


*KRN
*KRN
*KRN
HOWH!
SNEAKIPRO SHIELD.
*WHRUNK
*TUG
EH ...?

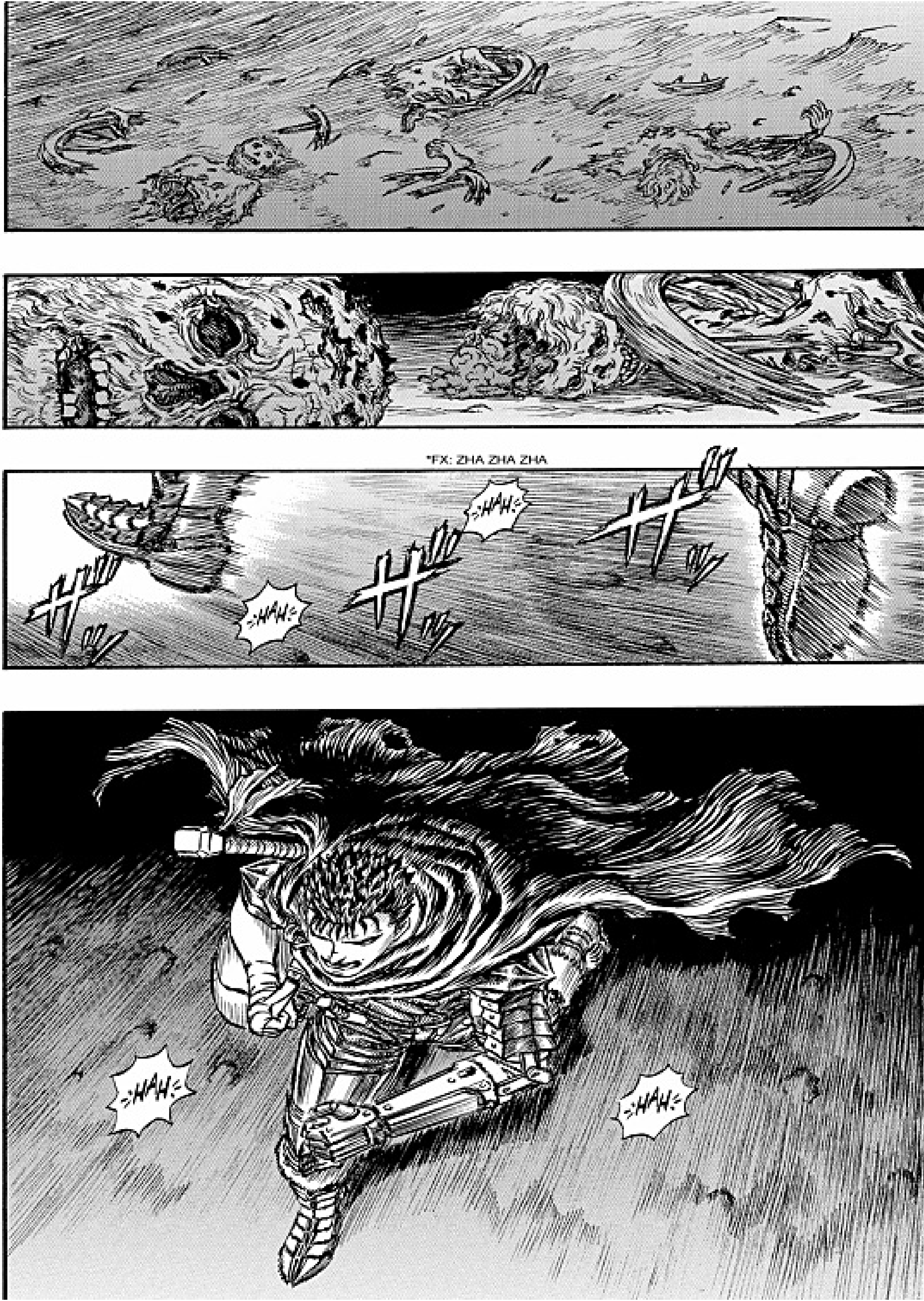


*TOSS
ポイ
AH.
*FX: WAHHH
ワー!
*FX: ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL
......
*FX: FLUTT
*FX: CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA
......
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SPIRIT ROAD, PART 2




HEHH
HEHH
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DONE FOLLOWIN' US.
OR MAYBE YOU JUST WIPED 'EM OUT?
HEY, IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
LET'S DROP THE PACE A BIT.
*FX: GCHAK GCHAK
HAH
HAH
....
C'MON, YOU'VE BEEN RUNNIN' ALL SINCE YESTERDAY, AND WITH JUST *ONE* SHORT NAP.
AT THIS RATE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ONCE YOU GET WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'. YOU'RE CARRYIN' THIS HUGE THING, AFTER ALL.


I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT BOY.
WONDER IF HE DIED?
HE KINDA SEEMED LIKE YOU... NASTY LOOK IN HIS EYES, AND SO STUBBORN.
PISS OFF.
ONE MONSTER AFTER ANOTHER. TONIGHT'S A MONSTER BUMPER CROP.
*FX: ZHFAA
*FX: HAHHH HAHHH
NO...
THAT'S ...
...AN OLD CHUM.
NYEW ?
NO SUDDEN STOPS! BE MORE MINDFUL OF YOUR LANDLORD!
*FX: SMACK





YOU SEEM IN GOOD HEALTH, STRUGGLER.
I THOUGHT I'D GET YOUR ATTENTION.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD MANY HUMAN FRIENDS, BUT OF ALL THINGS A MONSTER...?
EH? YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
....
AN ELF...
AN INTERESTING THING TO HAVE WITH YOU.
AH! THAT'S NOT TO SAY I DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MONSTERS.
HE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT HE'S PRETTY LONELY. PLEASE BE NICE TO HIM. BY THE WAY, I'M PUCK...
YOU SHUT UP A MINUTE.
SOMETHING... ABOUT HIM...
HUH...?
?
*SEETHE
HMM... TWO YEARS PRIOR...
THE TIES THAT BIND ARE STRONG.


IT'S BEEN A WHILE, PAL.
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
AS I SAID BEFORE. I AM THE FOE OF THE INHUMANS.
ONE IS KNOWN TO BE LOCATED WHERE I'M HEADED...
APOSTLE...
AN APOSTLE'S NEAR HERE...?!
....
POSSIBLY...
...THE *LEADER*.
AND WHERE I'M GOING...
...PERHAPS IS...
...ALSO THE LAND YOU SEEK.
....
H...
HOLD UP!!
WHADDA YOU MEAN?!
NOT THAT...!!



NOT THAT THEY'RE AT THE...
...TOWER OF CONVICTION.
ARE YOU SAYING THE GODHAND ARE THERE?!
THEY EXIST EVERYWHERE IN THIS WORLD.
ANY PLACE NEGATIVE HUMAN THOUGHTS SWIRL IN A LARGE CONCENTRATION.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT CAN BE SAID THAT AS A HUGE BODY OF THOUGHT, THEY CANNOT TAKE FLESH IN THIS WORLD, THUS THEY EXIST NOWHERE.
ONCE AGAIN, YOU LOST ME...
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YER ANNOYIN' ANSWERS!!
M-MY HEAD...
S-BIT
BUT AT TIMES THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS.
WHEN THE CONCENTRATION REACHES A CRITICAL POINT, ONE WHO SHOULD EXIST IN THE DIVINE DOMAIN...
...IS INCARNATED. JUST ONCE IN A THOUSAND YEARS.
DID YOU NOT SEE IT TOO? THE DREAM OF THE SHINING HAWK?
LIKELY EVERY HUMAN IN THE WORLD WAS WITNESS TO THAT SAME THING.
IT WAS A REVELATION.


THAT *SOMEONE* ...
...WHO SIGNIFIES THE HAWK...
...IS GOING TO APPEAR IN THIS WORLD.

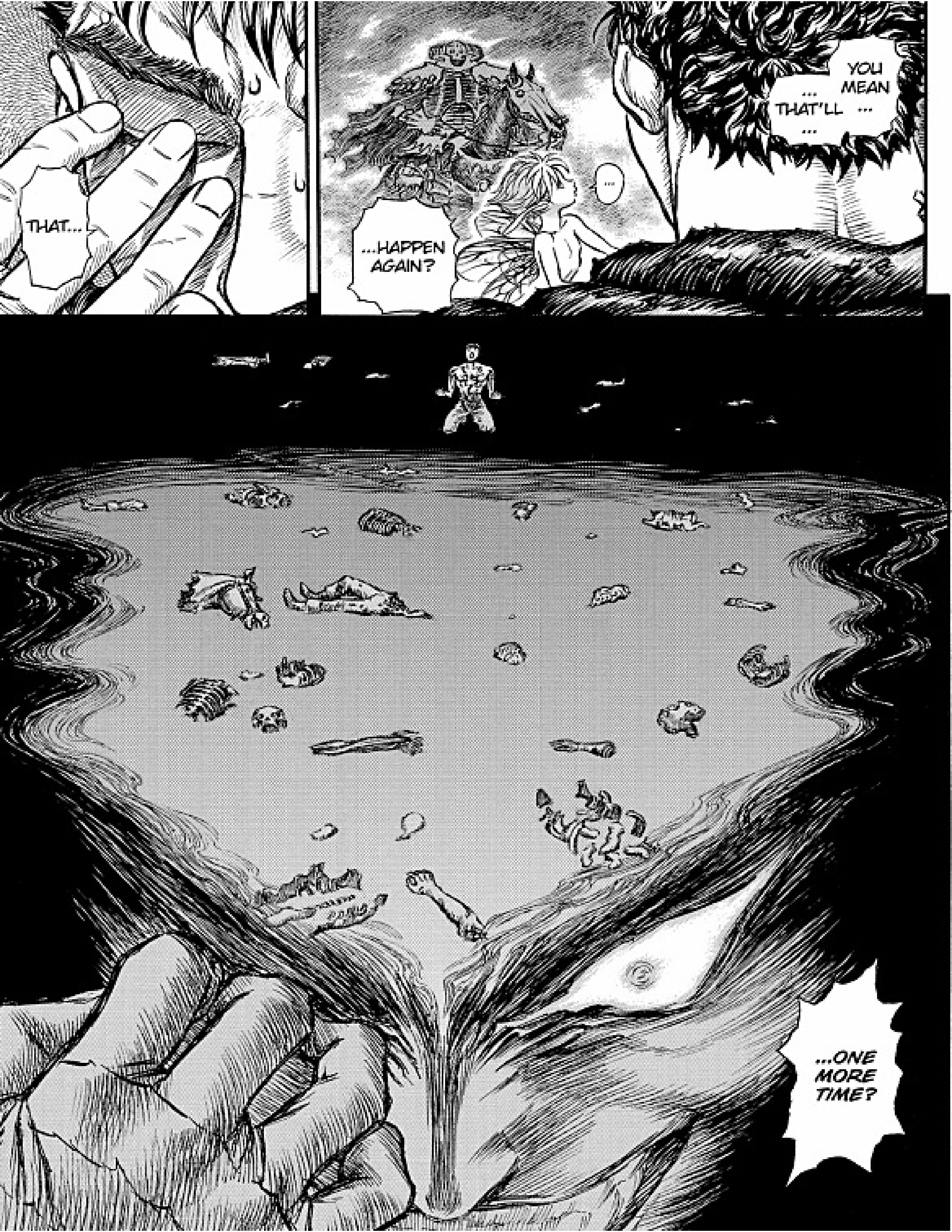

THE HAWK...?!
GUTS ?
HAWK...


I ASK YOU THIS...
THAT GIRL WHO WAS WITH YOU, WHERE IS SHE NOW?
!
COULD IT BE...
...SHE IS AT THE HOLY GROUND YOU SEEK?
SO IT'S TRUE ... ...
WHAT ?
HEY !
WHAT THE HELL'D YOU FIGURE OUT?!
WHY IS IT YOU KNOW THAT?! GIVE ME A STRAIGHT ANSWER, GODDAMMIT!!
A LITTLE EASIER TO GRASP, IF YOU COULD.
THE POWER OF GOD DESCENDS TO EARTH ...
THE CONCENTRATION OF THAT IDEA IS CALLED THE "FESTIVAL."
AND THE FESTIVAL IS ESSENTIALLY A DIVINE WORK...
IT TRACES A PHENOMENON IN THE DIVINE DOMAIN.



THE FLOCKING SHEEP WHO'VE BEEN LED TO THE BLOOD-SPLATTERED HOLY GROUND DESIRE THE "HAWK OF LIGHT."
AND YOU AND THAT GIRL WILL COME TO THROW YOUR-SELVES INTO THEIR MIDST.
IT NEARLY PARALLELS THAT OTHER TIME...
THE ECLIPSE.
TRACES A PHENOME-NON...?
IT'S AN ATTEMPT...
...TO IMITATE THE ECLIPSE.


*HUUUUUU
ビュ ウウ ウゥ・ウ・・
ANXIETY, FEAR, ANGER... IT'S AS IF AN EMOTIONAL FLOODGATE HAS BURST INSIDE GUTS!!
*FLIP FLAP
*TWITCH
!
HUH...?
BUT...
...WHAT'S THIS...?
WHAT'S THIS EMOTION...?


THAT...
YOU MEAN ... THAT'LL ... ...
...
...HAPPEN AGAIN?
...ONE MORE TIME?


IS THIS...
... ECSTASY ?!
......
UNFORTUNATELY...
...THERE'S NO WAY FOR MAN TO CHANGE...
...THE COURSE OF THIS FESTIVAL.
WHAT ?
THIS WORLD IS AS MOONLIGHT REFLECTED ON THE WATER'S SURFACE.


THE MOON'S LIGHT WILL NOT BE EXTIN-GUISHED.
SO LONG AS THE MOON EXISTS IN THE SKY, MOONLIGHT WILL REMAIN ON THE WATER...
...AND THIS IS A THING WHICH ALREADY WAS.
WHAT WILL FOLLOW NOW IS A SHADOW...
NO MORE THAN A SHADOW CAST HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH...
...BY LIGHT FROM A DISTANT, DYING SUN.
THEN YOU MEAN ...
...THE RESULTS WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST TIME?
THAT WE MEET AGAIN UNEXPECTEDLY HERE AND NOW IS PROOF...
...MORE THAN ANYTHING.
!


WE ALREADY SUBSIST...
...WITHIN THE CURRENT OF CAUSALITY.
WE WHO EXIST BEYOND THE PHYSICAL...
...ARE STILL MERELY SHADOWS ON THE WATER.
......
GUTS ?
TCH!
WHO CARES ABOUT SHADOWS? CAUSALITY?
I DECIDED ON THE TOWER OF CONVICTION-- AND GO THERE ON MY OWN FEET. NOBODY ORDERED ME TO.
BESIDES, YOU'RE FORGETTING... I'M *REALLY* BAD AT GIVING IN.
YOU GAVE ME THAT NAME...
THE NAME *"STRUGGLER."*


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THAT WHOLE CAUSALITY BIT'S...
...PRETTY SHADY, ANYWAY.
THIS PROUD MONSTER ONCE PREDICTED SOMETHIN' TO ME. "A DEATH YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE WILL PAY YOU A VISIT." HE WAS SURE AS HELL RIGHT, UP 'TIL THE ECLIPSE.
YOU SAID THE SAME THING.
BUT THEN WHAT HAPPENED ?
EVEN IF WE SWAM IN A SEA OF BLOOD AND SHIT...
...EVEN IF WE GOT A LITTLE TORN UP...
...BOTH CASCA AND I...
...MADE IT THROUGH ALIVE.



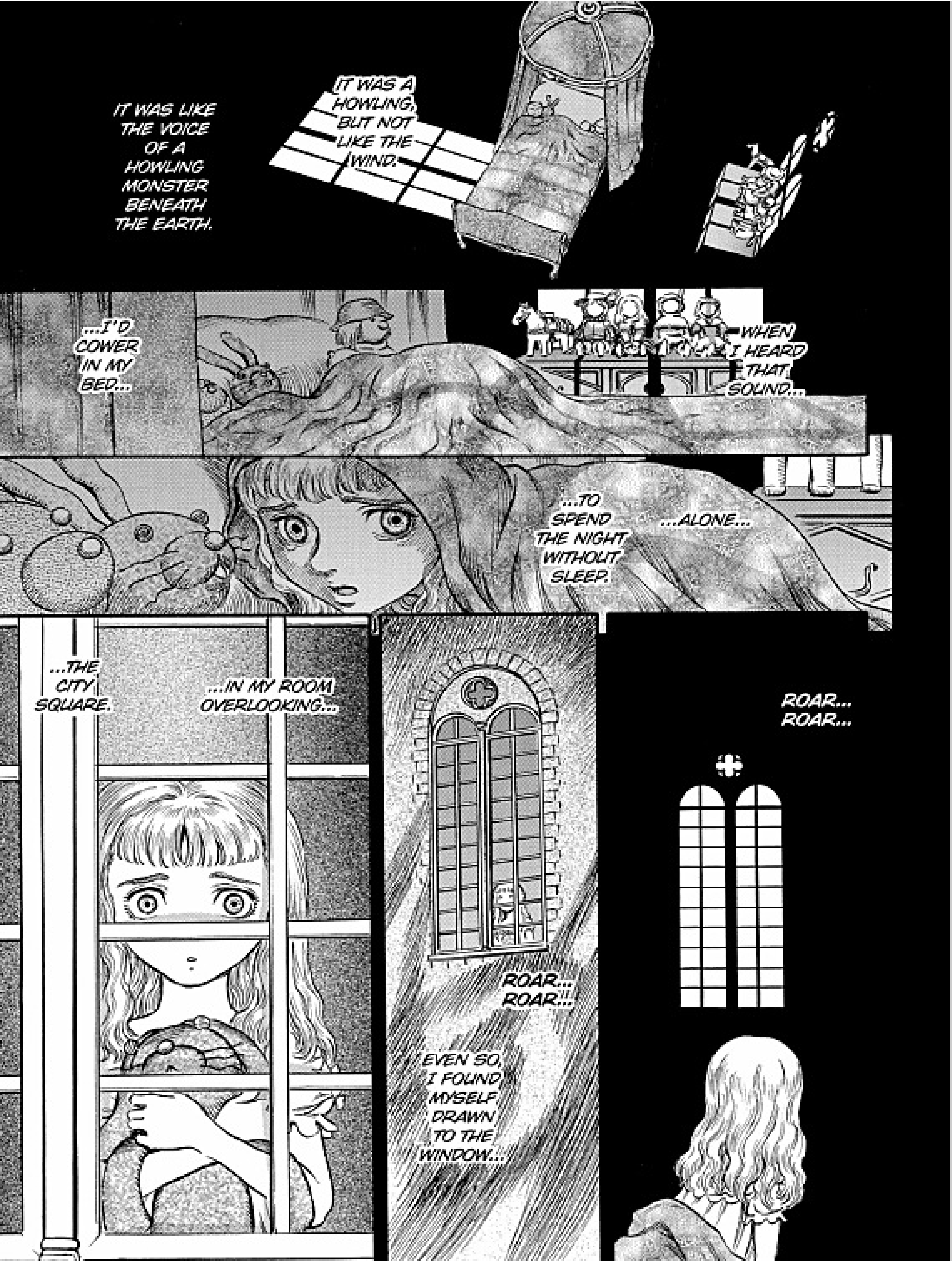
AND THEN...
SURE, YOU HELPED US OUT THAT TIME.
BUT THIS TIME...
...I'LL SAVE HER BY MY OWN STRENGTH.

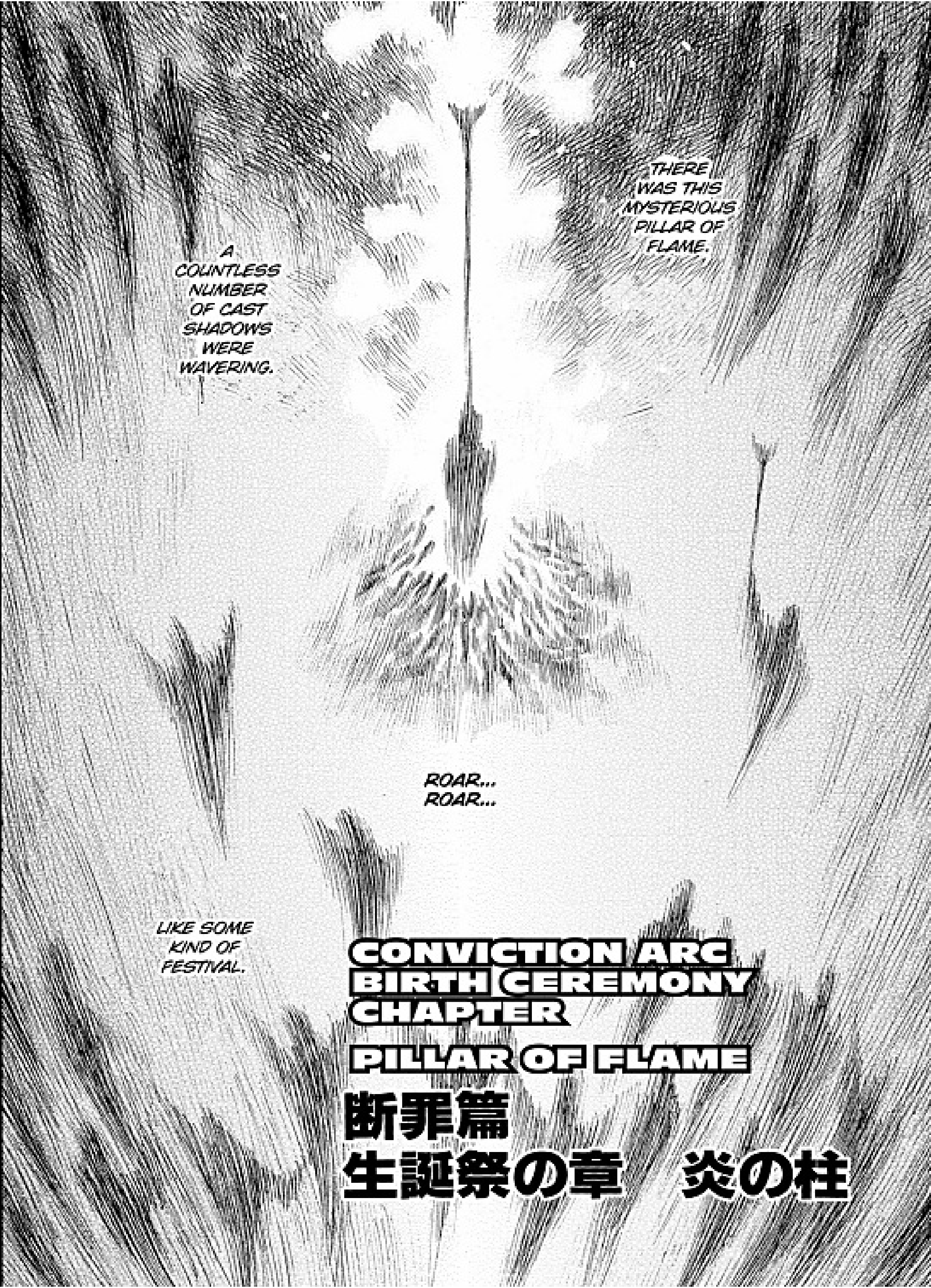

THEN...
HMM ...
IT'S INTENSE...
...BUT IT'S NOT JUST ANGER.
IT'S MORE COMPLEX...
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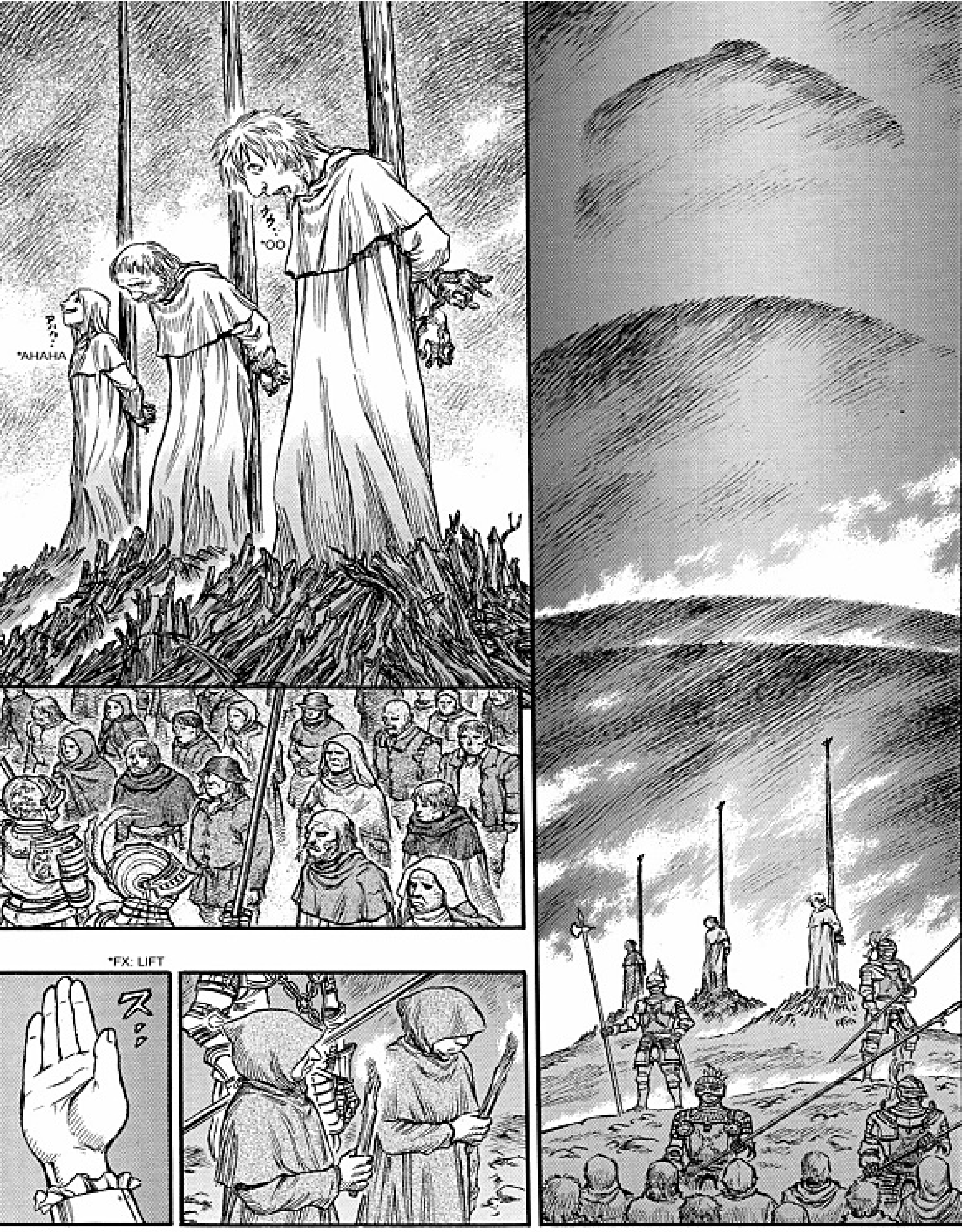

...IT DOESN'T MEAN IT WILL BE EXACTLY THE SAME.
AND EVEN IF IT IMITATES THE ECLIPSE ...
THE SCOPE TOO HAS NATURAL LIMITS IN THE MATERIAL DOMAIN.
...I WILL IN TURN GAMBLE EVERYTHING ON THAT POINT.
THOUGH MINUTE, SINGULAR DETAILS CERTAINLY *CAN* OCCUR AT THE TIME JUNCTION POINT THAT EVEN *THEY* CAN'T PREDICT...
...IT MAY BE OF UNANTICIPATED AID.
WHAT ?
FURTHERMORE, THAT BRAND CARVED INTO YOU...
THAT IS, THE BORDERLINE BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.
AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DUE TO THE BRAND, YOU NOW LIVE IN THE "INTERSTICE."
...BUT YOU ARE OUTSIDE THE REASON OF THE WORLD.
IT'S MERELY HALF A STEP...


...BUT INSTEAD. A FISH THAT BREACHES THE WATER'S SURFACE.
MAYBE YOU AREN'T A SHADOW ON THE WATER...
HOW-EVER...
...I WILL WARN YOU OF ONE THING.
IT WON'T BE AS SIMPLE AS CATCHING TWO BIRDS.
YOUR LOVER WILL BE LEFT ALONE.
...OR RESCUE...
FIGHT...
*FX: BWOOOO
AT THE HOLY GROUND WHERE BLIND SHEEP GATHER...
...SEE YOU AGAIN...
OOG!
YOU SHOULDA BUMMED A RIDE OFF HIM.
MR. SKULL, HUH...?
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT NIFTY.
Y'KNOW...
YEAH?
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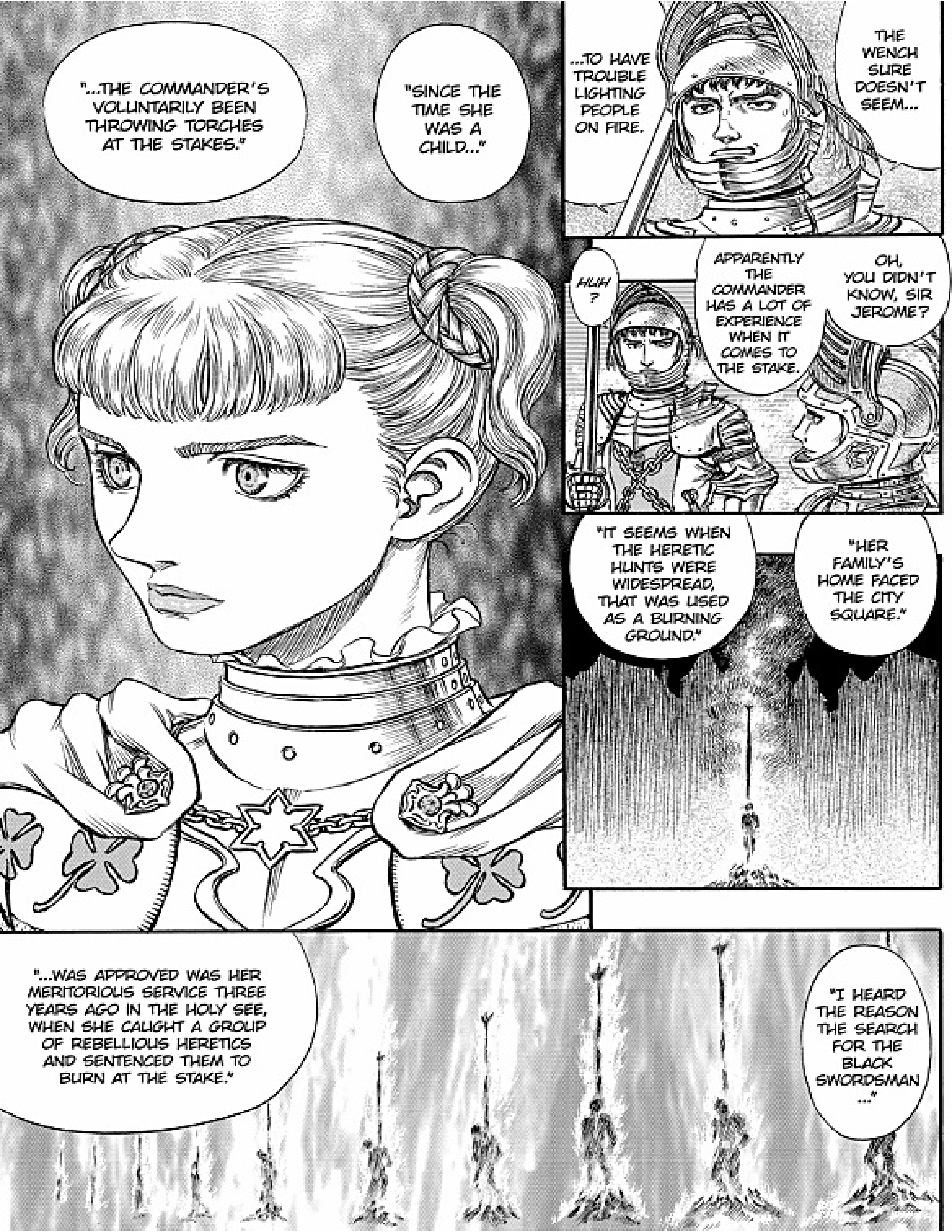

HMMM ...
NAH, NEVER-MIND...
MAYBE I IMAGINED IT...
...BUT THAT GUY...
...HE KINDA FELT LIKE AN ELF...
I'LL SAVE CASCA.
THAT'S MY TOP PRIORITY. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
BUT IF HE STANDS BEFORE ME...
...THEN, I'LL...
LET'S GO.
CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
SPIRIT ROAD (2): END

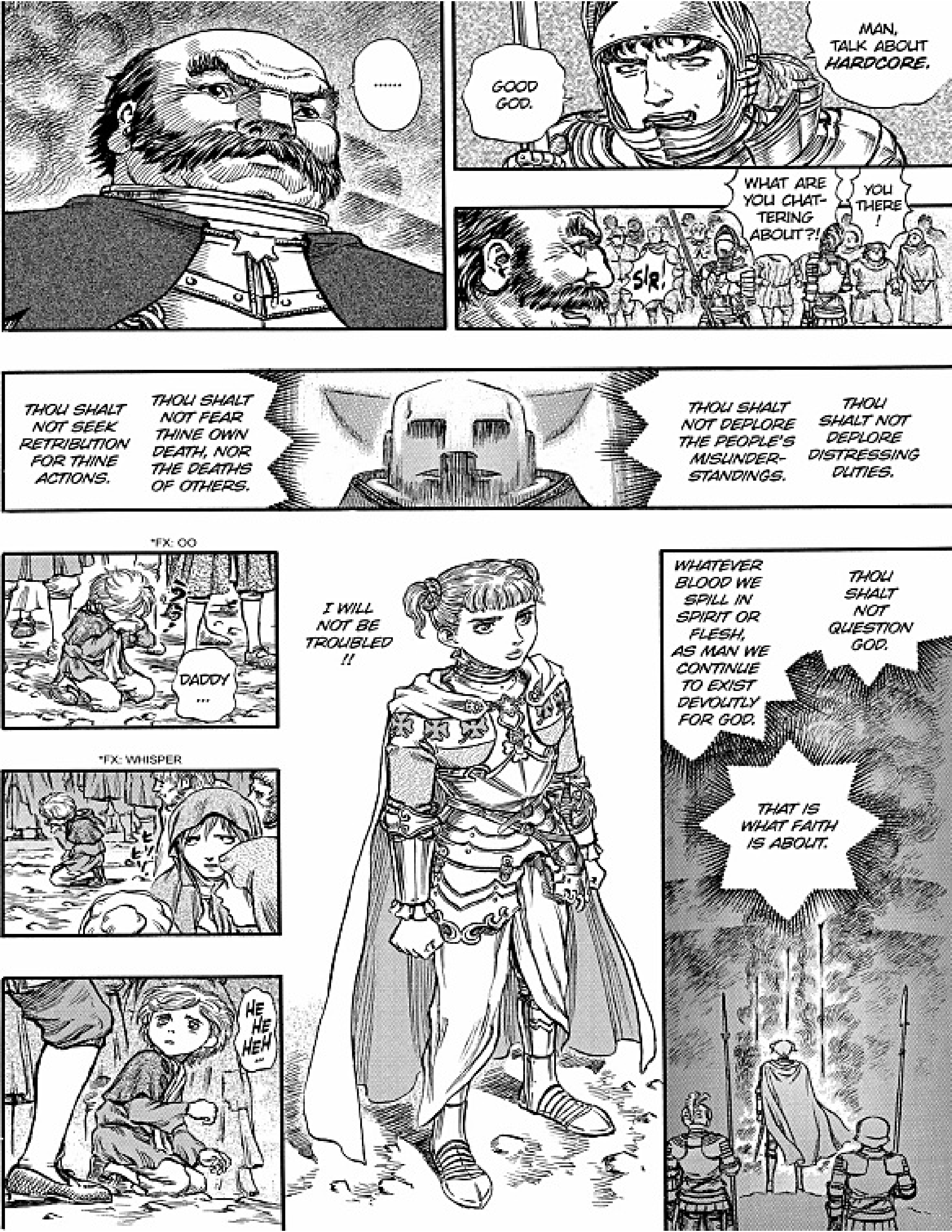

IT WAS LIKE THE VOICE OF A HOWLING MONSTER BENEATH THE EARTH.
IT WAS A HOWLING, BUT NOT LIKE THE WIND.
...I'D COWER IN MY BED...
WHEN I HEARD THAT SOUND...
...TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITHOUT SLEEP.
...ALONE...
...IN MY ROOM OVERLOOKING...
...THE CITY SQUARE.
ROAR... ROAR...
ROAR... ROAR...
EVEN SO, I FOUND MYSELF DRAWN TO THE WINDOW...


THERE WAS THIS MYSTERIOUS PILLAR OF FLAME.
A COUNTLESS NUMBER OF CAST SHADOWS WERE WAVERING.
ROAR... ROAR...
LIKE SOME KIND OF FESTIVAL.
CONVICTION ARC BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
PILLAR OF FLAME
断罪篇
生誕祭の章　炎の柱


*OO
*AHAHA
*FX: LIFT


RELEASE !!
*FX: BOPH
*FX: ROARRR
*FX: SNICKT SNAP
EGH...
*FX: RGHHH
*FX: BROARRR
HELL...


THE WENCH SURE DOESN'T SEEM...
...TO HAVE TROUBLE LIGHTING PEOPLE ON FIRE.
OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW, SIR JEROME?
APPARENTLY THE COMMANDER HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO THE STAKE.
HUH?
"HER FAMILY'S HOME FACED THE CITY SQUARE."
"IT SEEMS WHEN THE HERETIC HUNTS WERE WIDESPREAD, THAT WAS USED AS A BURNING GROUND."
"SINCE THE TIME SHE WAS A CHILD..."
"...THE COMMANDER'S VOLUNTARILY BEEN THROWING TORCHES AT THE STAKES."
"I HEARD THE REASON THE SEARCH FOR THE BLACK SWORDSMAN ..."
"...WAS APPROVED WAS HER MERITORIOUS SERVICE THREE YEARS AGO IN THE HOLY SEE, WHEN SHE CAUGHT A GROUP OF REBELLIOUS HERETICS AND SENTENCED THEM TO BURN AT THE STAKE."


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MAN, TALK ABOUT HARDCORE.
GOOD GOD.
YOU THERE!
WHAT ARE YOU CHATTERING ABOUT?!
SIR!
THOU SHALT NOT SEEK RETRIBUTION FOR THINE ACTIONS.
THOU SHALT NOT FEAR THINE OWN DEATH, NOR THE DEATHS OF OTHERS.
THOU SHALT NOT DEPLORE THE PEOPLE'S MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
THOU SHALT NOT DEPLORE DISTRESSING DUTIES.
*FX: OO
DADDY…
*FX: WHISPER
HE HE HEH…
I WILL NOT BE TROUBLED!!
THOU SHALT NOT QUESTION GOD.
WHATEVER BLOOD WE SPILL IN SPIRIT OR FLESH, AS MAN WE CONTINUE TO EXIST DEVOUTLY FOR GOD.
THAT IS WHAT FAITH IS ABOUT.



DOES THAT MEAN...
...LIKE FATHER LIKE SON?
HEHEH... LAD...
YOU'RE DADDY'S A HERETIC, ISN'T HE?
IF NOT, YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVE IT.
HERE.
GIVE THIS A THROW.
I'M SAYIN' THIS OUT OF KINDNESS.
LOOK AROUND AT EVERYONE'S EYES.
IF YOU DON'T THROW THIS HERE AND NOW...
...YOU'LL BE THE NEXT ONE TURNED IN.
I...
I...
SMP


IHEE...
NOT TO WORRY.
THE CHILD BEARS NO GUILT.
IT WAS PROVEN AT HIS FATHER'S TRIAL.
I-IS THAT SO?
BEG YOUR PARDON.
HEH HEH HEH
WHOA ...
*FX: GRIND


I EXPECT NO GRATITUDE.
*FX: ROARRR
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*FX: SWAY
FORGIVE ME, LADY FARNESE.
I DO NOT FEEL WELL.
WOULD YOU PERMIT ME TO REST A SPELL?

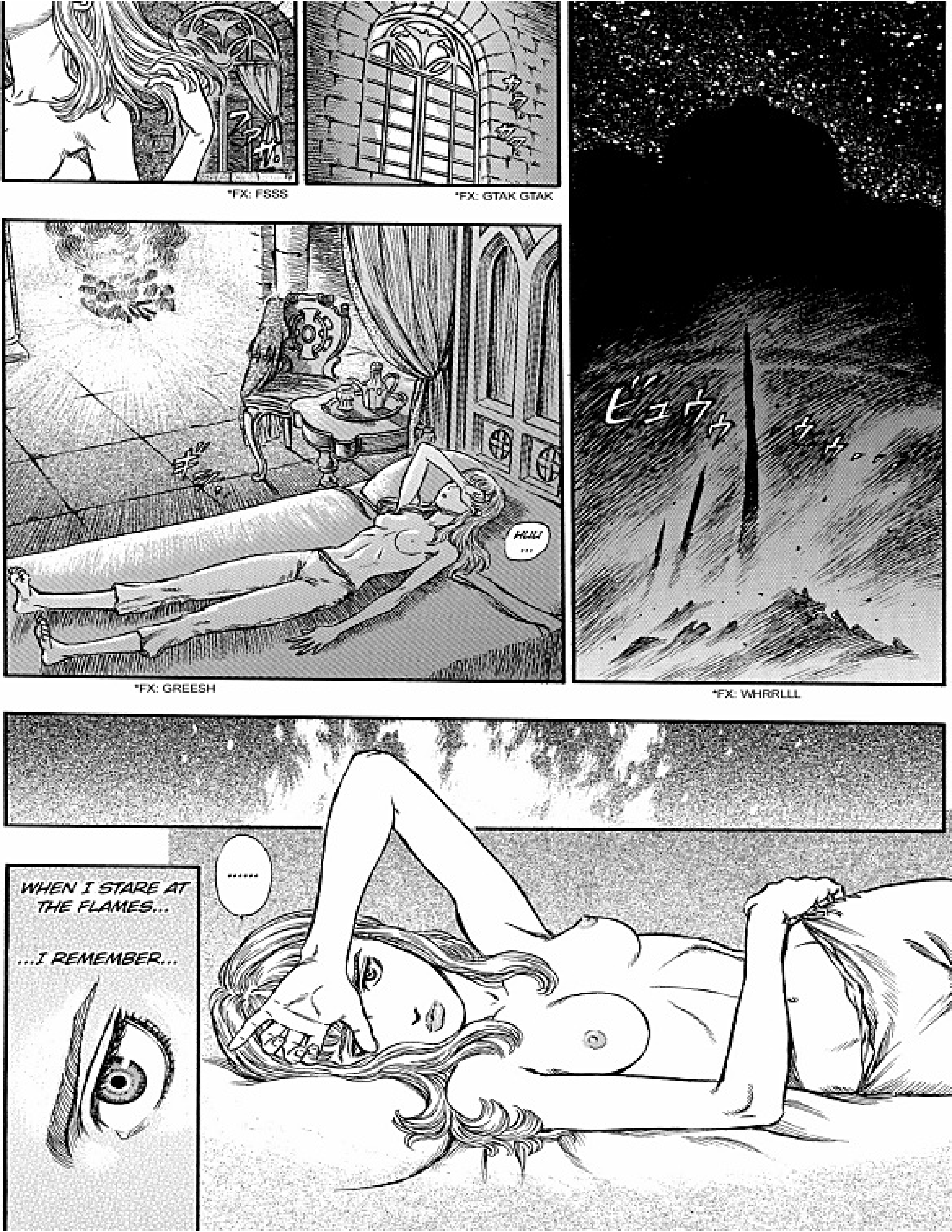

I APOLOGIZE.
SLACKER.
EVERY TIME WITH THE STAKE BURNINGS...
VERY WELL.
BUT PERSONAL CARE IS PART OF YOUR DUTY.
WHEW.
HEY, HEY.
NICE ONE BACK THERE.
OH! THAT'S THE GOOD MEMORY YOU'D EXPECT OF A HERALD OF ARMS.
YOU'RE SIR JEROME, I BELIEVE...
FLAME...
...AT LEAST, I STILL CANNOT HANDLE.



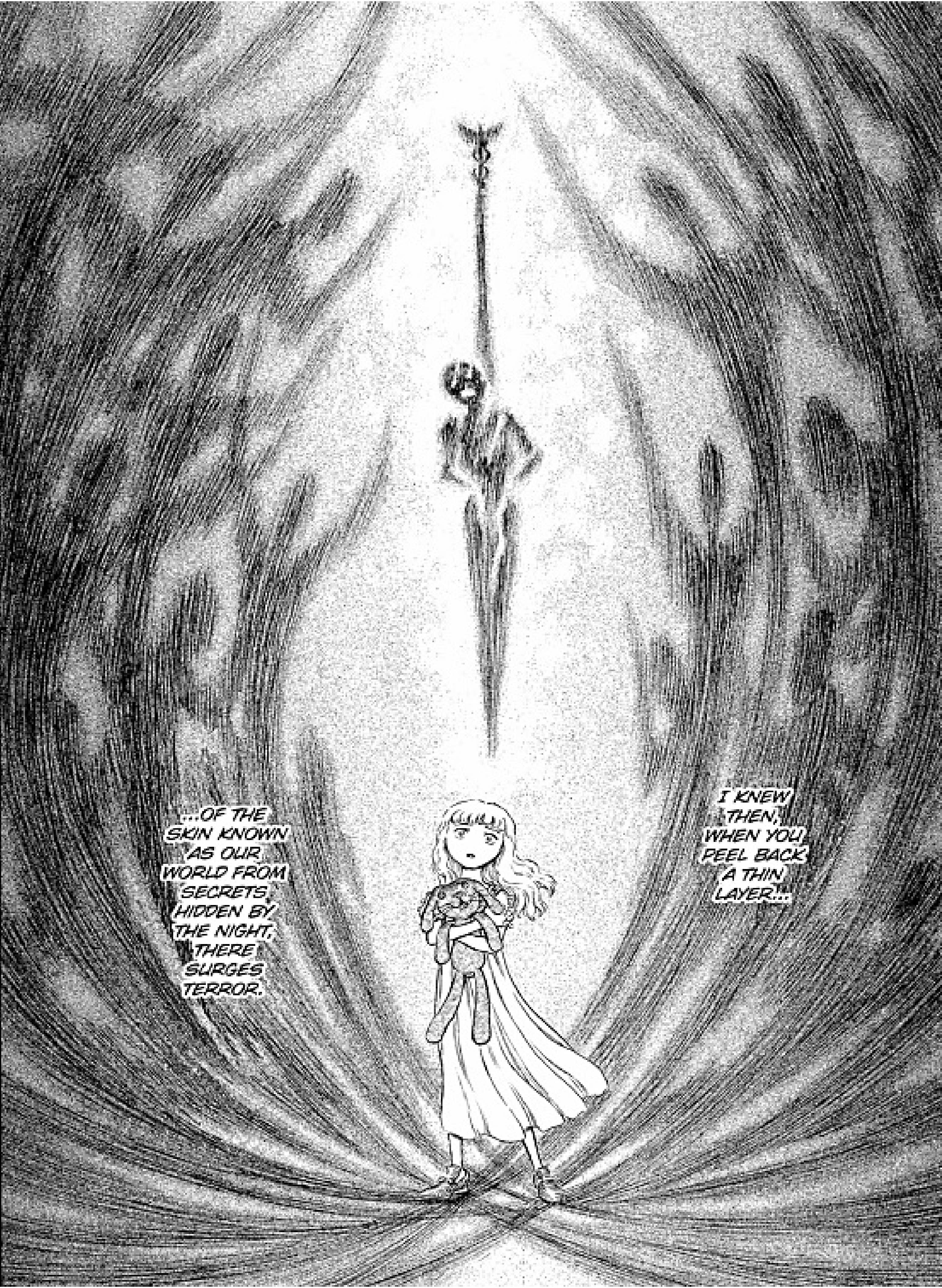
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?! TAKING A REST, SAME AS YOU. WHO CAN STAND DEALING WITH SUCH A DAMNABLE DUTY?
RIGHT?
NO, I REALLY DON'T FEEL VERY...
THERE YOU GO AGAIN, HAHA.
WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
WE'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.
YOU KNOW, YOU'VE REALLY GOT YOUR GOOD POINTS. I TOOK YOU FOR JUST A PALE-FACED WEAKLING.
WHA --?
DON'T BE MODEST. I MEAN THAT KID BACK THERE.
FRIEND OF CHILDREN! PRETTY KNIGHTLY OF YOU.
AH, THAT...
THAT WAS PERSONAL...


I AM THE SAME AS THAT BOY.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
AHHH ...
THREE YEARS AGO...
...BEFORE MY OWN EYES.
MY MOTHER WAS ALSO CONDEMNED AS A HERETIC TO BURN AT THE STAKE.
DO NOT LET IT BOTHER YOU. IT IS THE TRUTH.
I MEAN, I...
UHHH, WELL...
....
SUDDENLY BEHAVING ARISTO-CRATIC DOES NOT BECOME YOU.
IT IS ALL RIGHT, THOUGH.
I SWEAR NEVER TO REVEAL THIS TO ANYONE! YOU HAVE MY FORMAL APOLOGY, SIR HERALD.
I'M SORRY! I'VE A BAD HABIT OF TALKING TOO MUCH WITHOUT THINKING OF OTHERS' FEEL-INGS!
I HEAR THAT A LOT FROM THE LADIES.
HEHEH ...
SERPI-CO.

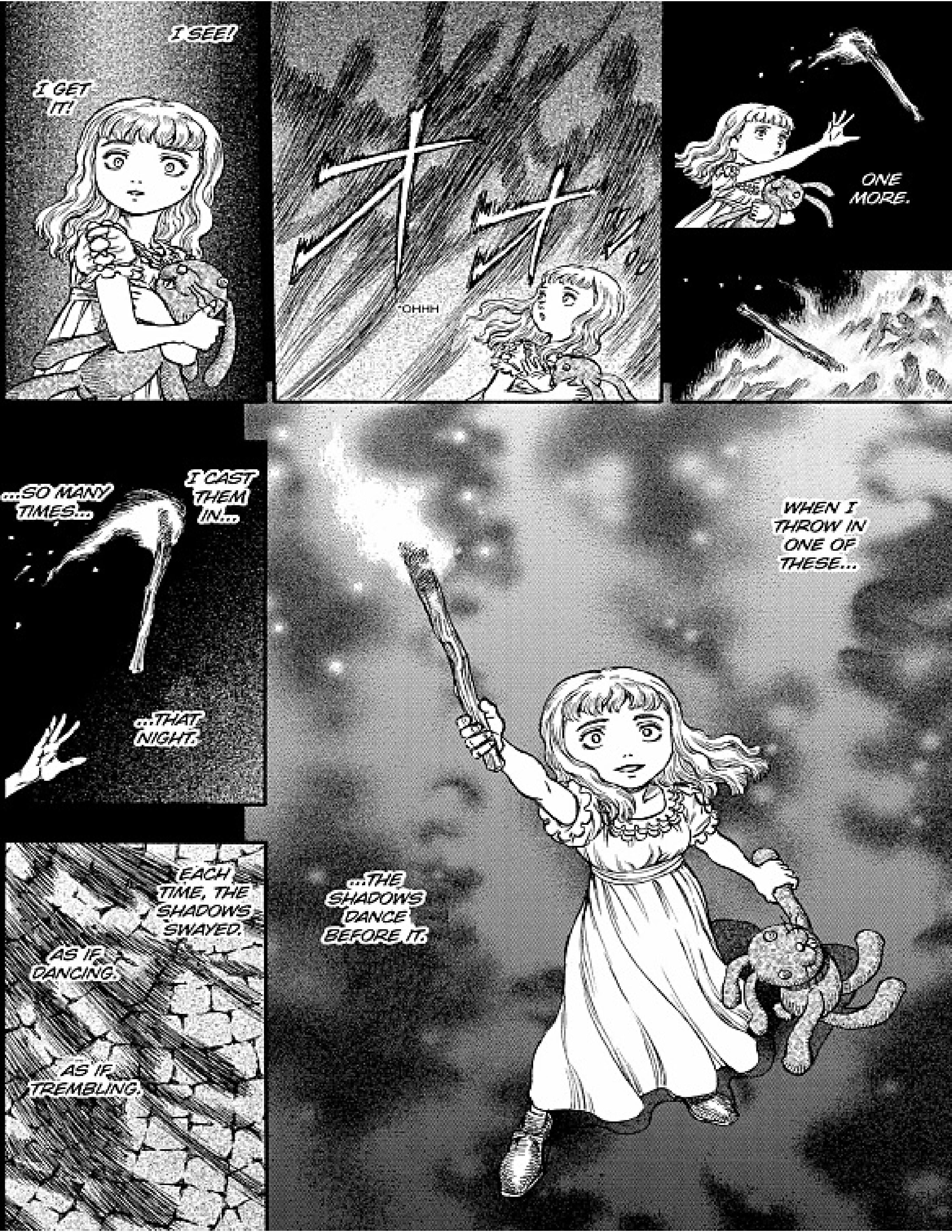

MY, MY.
AH, YES, AN EXCHANGE ...
HM... OKAY. I THINK I'LL GO FIND MYSELF A LADY THEN.
I WILL BE RETURNING TO OUR DUTY NOW. THANKS TO YOU I FEEL MUCH BETTER.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO TELL YOUR HERALD THAT...?
YOU CAN KEEP A SECRET.
FAIR ENOUGH, BUT TAKE IT EASY.
SEE YOU LATER.
YEAH, TAKE CARE.
I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST HER TOADY...
...BUT THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN HIM.
HMM ...
HN?
WAIT, THOUGH.
HE SAID THREE YEARS AGO...?
IT COULDN'T BE...

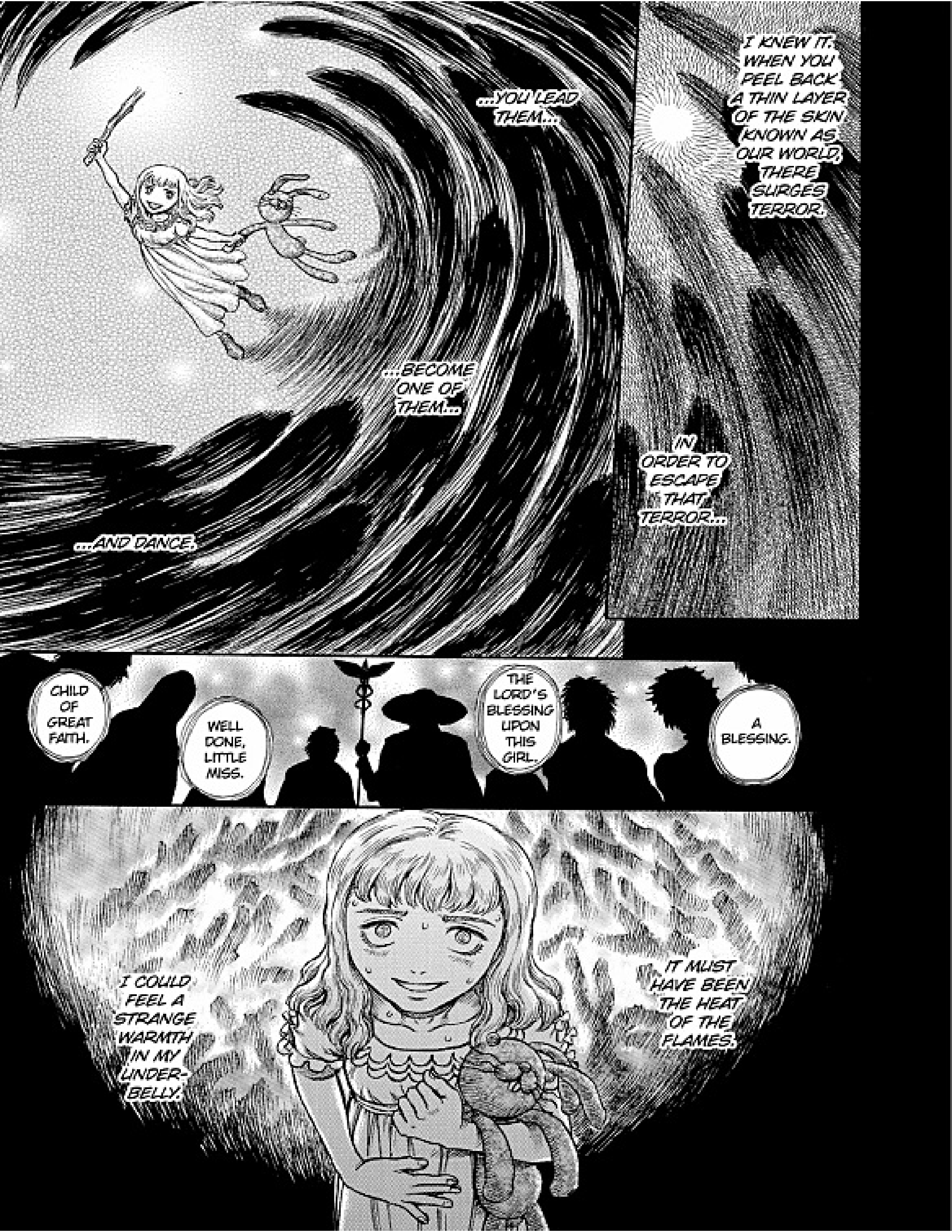

*FX: FSSS
*FX: GTAK GTAK
*FX: GREESH
HUU ...
*FX: WHRRLLL
......
WHEN I STARE AT THE FLAMES...
...I REMEMBER...


ROAR... ROAR...
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS DESCENDING THE STAIRS, AS IF LURED BY THAT SOUND.
ROAR... ROAR...
THE SOUND WAS DREADFUL...
UNABLE TO BEAR THE DREADFULNESS...
...I OPENED THE DOOR.
ROAR...
ROAR...
A CROWD OF COUNTLESS EERIE SHADOWS...
...WAVERING ON THE WALLS OF THE HOUSES.
THE STENCH OF BURNING FLESH.
SHOUTS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CHEERS AND CONDEMNATIONS.


I KNEW THEN, WHEN YOU PEEL BACK A THIN LAYER...
...OF THE SKIN KNOWN AS OUR WORLD FROM SECRETS HIDDEN BY THE NIGHT, THERE SURGES TERROR.


SUDDENLY, SOMEONE HANDED ME A TORCH.
I WAS FRIGHTENED...
...AND THREW IT RIGHT AWAY.
A STRANGE THING HAPPENED.
THE SHADOWS, CORRESPONDING TO THE TORCH I'D THROWN, SWAYED ABOUT ALL AT ONCE.
*UWOMM

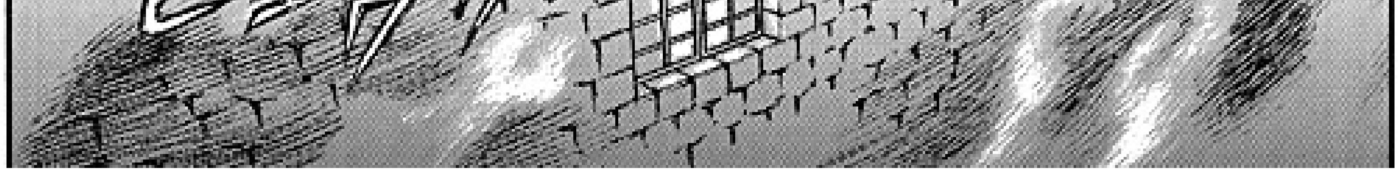

I SEE!
I GET IT!
*OHHH
ONE MORE.
...SO MANY TIMES...
I CAST THEM IN...
...THAT NIGHT.
WHEN I THROW IN ONE OF THESE...
...THE SHADOWS DANCE BEFORE IT.
EACH TIME, THE SHADOWS SWAYED.
AS IF DANCING.
AS IF TREMBLING.


...YOU LEAD THEM...
...BECOME ONE OF THEM...
...AND DANCE.
I KNEW IT. WHEN YOU PEEL BACK A THIN LAYER OF THE SKIN KNOWN AS OUR WORLD, THERE SURGES TERROR.
IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THAT TERROR...
CHILD OF GREAT FAITH.
WELL DONE, LITTLE MISS.
THE LORD'S BLESSING UPON THIS GIRL.
A BLESSING.
I COULD FEEL A STRANGE WARMTH IN MY UNDER-BELLY.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE HEAT OF THE FLAMES.


*FX: POCH
*HAAH
......



*FX: WHRRRLLLL



STOP

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